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Annual Reports 1913
Federal Council,

Introductory Note

These reports relate almost entirely to the central administration of the Council and its departments.

They convey relatively little of the record of advance in co-operation between the thirty constituent denominations of the Council or of the larger and rapidly deepening sense of unity which is in large measure due to this fellowship of the churches, of which the Federal Council is both the expression and the creative agency.

Constituent Bodies

of the

Federal Council

	MIN- ISTERS	CHURCHES	COMMUNI- CANTS
Baptist Churches (North)	8,250	9,534	1,176,615
National Baptist Convention (col- ored)	13,720	16,774	1,946,444
Free Baptist Churches	805	1,110	65,440
Christian Church	1,129	1,182	102,902
Congregational Churches	6,150	6,100	748,340
Disciples of Christ	5,592	9,076	1,362,711
Friends	1,320	900	100,568
German Evangelical Synod	1,051	1,345	261,488
Evangelical Association	1,014	1,644	111,702
Lutheran Church, General Synod .	1,366	1,831	329,699
Mennonite General Conference ...	172	112	12,797
Methodist Episcopal Church	18,783	28,291	3,415,768
Methodist Episcopal Church, South	7,007	15,991	1,996,877
African M. E. Church	5,000	6,000	620,000
African M. E. Zion Church	3,552	3,180	568,608
Colored M. E. in America	2,993	2,997	236,077
Methodist Protestant Church	1,371	2,348	180,382
Moravian Church	142	122	19,463
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.	9,286	9,987	1,402,533
Presbyterian Church in the United States (South)	1,781	3,409	300,771
Protestant Episcopal Church (Com- missions on Christian Unity and Social Service)	5,444	7,819	986,607
Reformed Church in America	774	707	121,640
Reformed Church in the United States	1,210	1,776	306,337
Reformed Episcopal Church	83	80	10,800
Reformed Presbyterian Church (General Synod)	16	18	3,400
Seventh Day Baptist Church	101	76	7,027
United Brethren Church	1,031	3,642	308,587
United Evangelical Church	525	956	75,343
United Presbyterian Church	990	994	142,081
Welsh Presbyterian Church	94	154	14,326
Total	101,652	138,155	16,036,233

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
of the
**Federal Council of the Churches
of Christ in America**

**To the Executive Committee at Baltimore, Md.
December 3rd, 1913**

This report does not include the record of the meetings of the Administrative Committee, is not confined to the work of the Secretary, and while concerned largely with the work of the national office, is also intended as a review of the more important events of the year.

As a review it does not attempt to set forth the larger work of the Council, and in no sense attempts to record the history of the progress of denominational co-operation which owes so much of its success to the federative movement.

The deepest and most significant work of the Federal Council is, like the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven, without observation. Through it and its activities, a state of mind is being created and a spirit developed which is bringing about a rapidly increasing number of movements within the constituent bodies and among other organizations, which owe their initiation to the Council. This report of necessity deals largely with certain concrete matters but cannot, in the nature of the case, deal with the unseen forces which are working towards a genuine denominational co-operation, the progress of which, even during a year, would require a volume.

The various instructions submitted by the Council and the Executive Committee have been carried out, the more important having been as follows:

In compliance with the vote of the Executive Committee a communication was presented to President Woodrow Wilson at the White House March 25, 1913, by Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, of Washington, and the Secretary:

February 20, 1913.

To Hon. Woodrow Wilson, President-Elect of the United States, Princeton, New Jersey:

"The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America extends to you the good will and the prayerful sympathy of the churches of Christ, and tenders you the serious and earnest co-operation of the forces represented by the churches, as you take up the task, as the Chief Magistrate of the nation, of guiding the moral forces of the people, and of the leadership of the nations of the world.

"Your warm and sympathetic sense of our democracy; your conviction expressed in so many ways, both by utterance and execution, that our social order must be fashioned after the Kingdom of God as taught by Jesus Christ; together with your public faithfulness and your personal faith, lead the churches of the nation to look with confidence to the performance of the serious and solemn duties of the coming years.

"The beginning of your first Quadrennium as President is almost coincident with the beginning of the Second Quadrennium of the Federal Council. While you are planning for these four years, the Federal Council is also projecting for the same term of years, larger movements in the interest of the spirit and realization of Christian unity expressed by the Council. It is to be hoped that, without unwise embarrassment, with both sympathy and discrimination, with social vision and social emotion; the political forces of the nation, and its moral forces as embodied in the churches of Christ, may feel and serve together for the social and spiritual well-being of the people."

For the Council,

(Signed)

WILLIAM I. HAVEN,

Chairman of the Administrative Committee;

(Signed)

RIVINGTON D. LORD,

Recording Secretary of the Administrative Committee;

(Signed)

CHARLES S. MACFARLAND,

Secretary of the Council.

As ordered by the Council, the following memorial was presented upon the same occasion:

March 25, 1913.

To the President of the United States, the Senate, and the House of Representatives:

"The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America composed of delegates from thirty evangelical denominations

with approximately 150,000 churches and sixteen million constituent members, at its Quadrennial session at Chicago, December 4-11, 1912, unanimously adopted a resolution urging the Federal Government to take early action in recognizing the Republic of China.

"Pursuant to the action of the Council we have the honor to transmit this resolution with the request that it be given such attention as the representative character of the Council may warrant."

(Signed)

SHAILER MATHEWS,

President;

(Signed)

RIVINGTON D. LORD,

Recording Secretary;

(Signed)

FRANK MASON NORTH,

Chairman of Executive Committee;

(Signed)

CHARLES S. MACFARLAND,

Secretary of the Council.

In compliance with the original vote of the Federal Council and the subsequent instructions to a special committee consisting of Rev. A. G. Lawson and the Secretary, the following memorial was presented regarding chaplains in the army and navy:

To the President of the United States, the Senate, the House of Representatives, the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy:

"The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America in Quadrennial session assembled at Chicago, December 9, 1912, instructed its Executive Committee to prepare and submit the following memorial.

"The latest obtainable reports show that the authorized strength of the army is a little over 95,000 men, distributed among 157 garrisoned posts and subposts, all of which, however, are not occupied; and that the navy comprises thirty-five battleships, thirty-two cruisers, twenty-one gunboats, ten monitors and 116 smaller vessels, with 53,375 officers and men. Much to our regret we learn that this great host of men have in the navy only twenty-one, and in the army only sixty-seven chaplains, to give them aid and comfort in time of illness or suffering.

"The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America believes that there ought to be more chaplains, and that we should make provision for one chaplain for each battleship and cruiser, for each schoolship and navy yard, and also one

for each occupied army post. We also believe that the providing of chaplains ought not to be treated as a mere matter of denominational proportion in an effort to distribute offices among the various Christian bodies, but rather in the interest of providing adequate moral influence and spiritual help.

"In view of all these facts and in view of the further fact that the government continues to increase the army and to build battleships, we cannot afford to neglect these men whom we call into our service for such official duties. It becomes us, as a God fearing nation, to give more heed to the higher interests of these men because of their generally high character and because they stand pre-eminently at the front of our national honor and need.

"We would, therefore, appeal most earnestly to the President and to Congress to give immediate attention to these most important matters, for the welfare of the thousands of men directly concerned, and in the larger interest of the duty of this great people to those who serve them in interests so critical, and who are necessarily exposed to the greater possibilities of suffering and death."

(Signed)

SHAILER MATHEWS,
President;

(Signed)

RIVINGTON D. LORD,
Recording Secretary;

(Signed)

FRANK MASON NORTH,
Chairman of Executive Committee;

(Signed)

CHARLES S. MACFARLAND,
Secretary of the Council.

To these communications the following reply was received from President Wilson:

WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D. C.,

March 26, 1913.

Dear Dr. Macfarland:

"Allow me to acknowledge more formally than was possible the other day when you called at my office, the receipt of the several papers you then handed me. I need not tell you how deeply I appreciate the address of confidence addressed directly to me on the part of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, or how greatly it adds to my sense of being supported and guided to have such feelings and confidence expressed.

"I appreciate, also, the weight and significance of the resolutions of the Council with regard to the early recognition of the Republic of China.

"The memorial with regard to the assignment of the proper quota of chaplains to the various divisions of our land and naval forces impressed me very much indeed.

"For all of these interesting and important papers, allow me to thank you and your colleagues."

Cordially and sincerely yours,

(Signed) WOODROW WILSON.

REV. CHARLES S. MACFARLAND,
New York.

CHAPLAINS IN THE ARMY AND NAVY.

Dr. Radcliffe and the Secretary also waited upon the Secretary of War, Hon. Lindley M. Garrison, and the Secretary of Navy, Hon. Josephus Daniels, relative to chaplains, from whom the following replies were received:

WAR DEPARTMENT,

WASHINGTON, March 27, 1913.

Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, Secretary, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, 215 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.:

My dear Sir:

"A letter signed by you and other officers of your Council, addressed to the President, Senate, House of Representatives, the Secretary of War, and the Secretary of the Navy, was delivered to me.

"With regard to the Army, the letter expresses the belief that in view of the 'fact that the government continues to increase the Army,' there ought to be more chaplains, and that provision should be made for one chaplain 'for each occupied post.'

"While I am unable to say whether or not Congress would be willing or could be induced to enact a law providing for the appointment of additional chaplains for the Army, I may state that the existing laws provide for one chaplain for each regiment of cavalry, of field artillery, and of infantry, fourteen for the coast artillery corps, one for the engineers, and one for the

Military Academy, sixty-eight in all. There are forty-six regiments of cavalry and infantry, six of field artillery, and the equivalent of fourteen regiments of coast artillery.

"Previous to the Spanish War, there were thirty-five regiments of cavalry and infantry, and five of artillery, forty in all, and only thirty post chaplains and four chaplains for the colored regiments were then authorized—less than one for each regiment. After the Army was increased, following the War with Spain, the number of chaplains was increased by law, in the proportion of, approximately, one for each regiment in the service.

"Many of the Army posts are, as they always have been, only temporary, their continuance or discontinuance depending on various contingencies or needs of the service, or upon legislation. It would be manifestly impracticable to provide by law for a chaplain permanently commissioned for each occupied post or station. Furthermore, most of the posts where there are any considerable number of troops, are in the vicinity of towns or cities where there are abundant facilities for religious worship."

(Signed)

Very respectfully,
LINDLEY M. GARRISON,
Secretary of War.

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,
WASHINGTON, March 28, 1913.

Gentlemen:

"I have a copy of your letter of March 25th, written in behalf of Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and I am greatly interested in the information you set forth and in the request that you make for more complete provision for moral influence and spiritual help for the men on the war vessels of the United States. I am in accord with you, also, in believing that the appointment of chaplains should not be treated as merely a matter of denominational proportion in an effort to distribute offices among the various Christian bodies, but that the future welfare of the men should really be the main consideration.

"You will agree with me, however, that this is a matter of such weight and importance that it must have the most careful consideration and this I assure you it will receive from me

after consultation with the President and the Secretary of War."

Yours very truly,
(Signed) JOSEPHUS DANIELS.

PROFESSOR SHAILER MATHEWS,

President, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, 1611 Clarendon Building, 215 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

The propaganda has been continued, and in September communications were again sent to the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy, to which the following replies were received:

WAR DEPARTMENT,

WASHINGTON, September 25, 1913.

Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, Secretary, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, 1611 Clarendon Building, 215 Fourth Avenue, New York City:

Sir:

"Referring to your letter of September 9, 1913, enclosing a copy of a memorial dated March 25, 1913, on the subject of a requested increase in the number of chaplains for the Army and Navy, I beg to inform you, as regards the Army, that this letter has been considered by a committee of the War Department General Staff, which makes the following report on the subject:

"The memorial under consideration correctly states the number of Army chaplains now authorized by law as sixty-seven for the present organization of the Army, which is on a basis of one for each regiment of the mobile army and a fixed number, fourteen, for the coast artillery, which is officered on a basis of an equivalent of fourteen regiments, as compared with regiments of the mobile army. But the present authorized enlisted strength of the Army is now 90,542, instead of over 95,000, as stated in the memorial.

"In the early days of the Army, when troops were often stationed at isolated posts, chaplains were authorized with a view to supplying the needs of such isolated stations, and were called Post Chaplains. But with the passing of these isolated stations and the concentration of troops at larger posts in the vicinity of civil communities, it became advisable to consider chaplains from the point of view of correct distribution and

organization for war service rather than peace service, which is the basis of all Army organization. Hence, the proportion of one chaplain to each regiment or equivalent, became the basis of the present law.

"It would not be practicable to base the number of permanent chaplains on the number of occupied army posts, one for each post as recommended, because the number of posts fluctuates and the present policy of the War Department is to reduce the number of garrisoned posts in the interest of tactical organization and command, and to locate them near centers of population. It is believed that the day has passed, or is passing, where troops are stationed so far from civil communities as to be out of reach of civilian clergymen in their vicinity. It has been the comforting experience of the Army at such stations as are deprived of the services of the regimental chaplain, that clergymen of the neighboring community give cordial welcome to all Army people to attend their church services, make visitations to such posts and cheerfully respond to any call for need therefrom. This policy is encouraged, no doubt, by the Federal Council, and should receive the hearty support of the War Department, to remedy the deficiency in army chaplains for troops in garrison, pointed out in the memorial.

"The War Department policy of apportioning the number of chaplains appointed in the Army, among the principal religious denominations, is believed to be an equitable and necessary rule, in the interest both of the different denominations and of the members of the Army with corresponding different religious beliefs, whom they serve. It is to be remembered that the several governmental departments must be careful not to call in question the principle laid down in the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to an establishment of religion and the free exercise thereof, any seeming violation of which is promptly criticized.

"As to meeting the need of chaplains for any increase in the regular army, attention is invited that the present law automatically provides additional chaplains, one for each new regiment of the mobile army."

"After mature consideration of the subject the War Department concurs in the conclusions of the General Staff Committee."

Very truly yours,

(Signed)

LINDLEY M. GARRISON,

Secretary of War.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
BUREAU OF NAVIGATION,

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 16, 1913.

*Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, Secretary, Federal Council of the
Churches of Christ in America, 1611 Clarendon Building,
215 Fourth Avenue, New York:*

Dear Sir:

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, together with its enclosure, and I do recall your interview of last spring.

"The question of the increase of the number of chaplains in the Navy is one to which I have given and am giving considerable thought, but press of other public business and matters of urgent importance has prevented my assembling my ideas on that subject in concrete form. I hope, however, to embody them in my forthcoming annual report, in which I shall endeavor to set forth a number of general recommendations for the improvement and betterment of the Navy."

(Signed)

JOSEPHUS DANIELS.

A second communication was also sent to President Wilson and to the Secretary of State, Hon. William Jennings Bryan, to which at this date only acknowledgments have been received.

Meanwhile many conferences and interviews have been held with chaplains in various parts of the country, and a considerable correspondence carried on with them. Through the religious press and by communications to local federations and the secretaries of the constituent bodies of the Council, these bodies have been requested to take action and to secure action on the part of local conferences of the various denominations. The representatives of the churches in Washington, especially Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, directly representing the Council, have been active. Several of the constituent bodies of the Council have not only taken action, but have appointed committees to act in this special interest.

The word received from Dr. Radcliffe at the time of the preparation of this report is that he expects favorable action. One question at issue at the present moment seems to be the apportionment of the new appointments between ordained ministers and secretaries of the Young Men's Christian Association or similar welfare workers.

It would seem that the Executive Committee might appropriately take further action in view of the urgency of the situation and the delay in effective action.

MISSIONARY MEMORIALS.

In response to a call from missionaries in China and in conjunction with similar action by the Free Church Council of England, through cable correspondence, the following call was sent out to the churches relative to the Republic of China:

April 18, 1913.

To the Churches of Christ in America:

"The appeal of the Chinese government to all the Christian churches in China, to set aside Sunday, April 27th, as a day for prayer that China may be guided to a wise solution of her problems, as officially confirmed to us by the Associated Press to-day, is a deep source of joy and is of the deepest meaning to the churches of Christ throughout the world.

"The government of China has requested prayer for the National Assembly, the new government, the new President of the Republic soon to be elected, for the Constitution of the Republic, for the recognition of the Republic by the Powers, for the maintenance of peace, and for the election of strong and virtuous men to office.

"This is, we believe, the first time in the history of the world that such an appeal has come from such a source.

"The Federal Council, by action taken at its Second Quadrennial Session in Chicago, has already memorialized the President to recognize the new Republic. We now feel that this action, taken last December, is justified in a most remarkable manner. The voice of the new Republic does not sound unlike that of our own nation in the days of its early institution.

"We, therefore, urge that the churches of Christ in America unite with the churches of Christ in China, in the observance of Sunday, April 27th, as a universal day of earnest prayer and expression of profound sympathy with the Republic whose government thus seeks from its beginning, as did our own, the blessing and the guidance of Almighty God."

(Signed)	SHAILER MATHEWS, <i>President of the Council;</i>
(Signed)	FRANK MASON NORTH, <i>Chairman of the Executive Committee;</i>
(Signed)	WILLIAM I. HAVEN, <i>Chairman of the Administrative Committee;</i>
(Signed)	ROBERT E. SPEER, <i>Chairman of the Commission on Foreign Missions;</i>
(Signed)	CHARLES S. MACFARLAND, <i>Secretary of the Council.</i>

A message was received from the American missionaries in Tokyo, formulated under date of April 24, on our relationship with Japan.

Resolutions Adopted at a Meeting of American Missionaries of Tokyo, Yokohama and Vicinity, April 24, 1913.

"As American missionaries resident in Tokyo, Yokohama and vicinity, we have viewed with deep solicitude the news concerning the proposed land legislation in California, and deprecate any discrimination against the Japanese lest it mar the historic friendship between Japan and America, and work injury to both countries; therefore,

"Resolved, That we appeal to our missionary constituency in the home land, to the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, to Federation of Churches in California, and to the Christian public sentiment of the nation in favor of just legislation.

"Resolved, That we express our sincere appreciation of the earnest efforts of the President of the United States and the leading men of both countries, and record our firm belief that the true public sentiment of both lands will support them in securing an equitable and mutually satisfactory settlement.

"Resolved, That copies of the above resolutions be sent to the Charge d' Affaires of the American Embassy in Tokyo, the Governor of California, the presiding officers of the two houses of the California legislature, and to the officials of the above-named religious organizations; also to the Associated Press and to leading newspapers in Japan."

This message was sent out through the associated and religious press.

Subsequently the following communication and resolutions were received:

Prof. Shailer Mathews:

Dear Sir:

"At the annual meeting of the Japan Mission of the American Board, just closed, the enclosed resolutions were passed, and the undersigned were appointed to forward the same to you and to make them known to the press. These we understand were cabled to America on June 6th.

"We would call attention to the remarkable statement made by many able Japanese that the fundamental solution of this

question is to be secured not by adjustment of treaties, nor by modification of laws at the request of Japan, but only by the activity of the Christians of America. Count Okuma recently stated in a public address that "Diplomacy of law or statesmanship will not work in this case; the power of Christianity—the teaching of the brotherhood of all men and universal peace—alone will save the threatening situation. Christianity is stronger in America than in any other country, and the concerted action of Christian workers here and in America will achieve what we all have at heart.

"Early in April, almost as soon as the trouble began to be acute, many dailies published short articles either asking what the missionaries were doing about it, or suggesting that they should be appealed to for aid in influencing American thought. The last issue of the *Shinjin* (New Man) contains an editorial by Mr. Ebina, one of the leading pastors and Christian publicists of Japan, to the effect that a fundamental solution cannot be reached so long as Japan adheres to her traditional ancestor worship and superstitious faiths. These of necessity make Japanese provincial in spirit and belated in development. They cannot become true citizens of the United States, nor can they win real respect from Christian peoples, so long as they hold fast to their superstitious religions.

"Mr. Ebina also argues, together with many others, that the Japanese must give up the view that naturalization in the United States is treason to Japan. Just as a bride or an adopted son, in becoming loyal to the new family, is not disloyal to the old, so a Japanese who becomes an American citizen, and even one who goes to the length of fighting for the United States against Japan, is not thereby disloyal to his mother country. Rather he exalts the honor of his land which taught such a devoted spirit.

"It is our earnest desire that the Christian forces of the United States may be effectively utilized in the solution of this problem, for it is not merely a political or legal question. It concerns in a vital way the world-wide interests of the Kingdom.

"It is not for us to discuss detailed methods of solution, but there are one or two points to which we would call attention. The experience of the Hawaiian Islands in race relations and assimilation affords a most instructive lesson as to what is possible and also as to wise methods. If a commission is appointed to study this question, we venture to suggest the name of Rev. Doremus Scudder, of Honolulu, as one eminently fitted to serve.

"From our experience in Japan we are convinced that there are no insuperable obstacles preventing the assimilation of

Japanese to our Occidental life, provided the right moral, linguistic, and educational conditions are secured. Japanese immigrants—yes, all immigrants—should be encouraged to learn English, and facilities should be provided for this even at state or national expense. Only as immigrants come to know English can they really enter into our civilization and attain to real understanding of our modes of thought and life. At the same time, they might also be taught something as to American methods and ideals of government and religion. This is particularly needful in the case of Orientals, because their inherited conceptions and methods in these matters are so radically different from ours.

"Many Japanese are saying that the only solution of the present difficulty is for the United States to grant to the Japanese the right of naturalization. We are not so sanguine of satisfactory results by this single step, for so long as Japanese immigrants do not know English they must live and work in groups or gangs, a condition which in itself prevents assimilation. If, however, naturalization is granted only to those who qualify educationally, substantial results are certain.

"The entire problem, is, however, one of great intricacy, as we well know, hence our suggestion that a commission be appointed to study it carefully from the Christian standpoint and to devise ways and means for its solution.

"Praying for rich blessings on the entire work of the Federated Churches, we are, on behalf of the Japan Mission of the American Board."

Respectfully yours,

(Signed)

SIDNEY L. GULICK,

(Signed)

D. C. GREENE.

Resolutions of the Japan Mission of the American Board at Its Annual Meeting, June 3, 1913, in Regard to The Relations of the United States of America and Japan.

"WHEREAS, The universal establishment of the Kingdom of God requires the attainment of right relations between nations on a basis of justice and equality, and

"WHEREAS, The effective proclamation of the Gospel of the Kingdom in Japan depends closely on the maintenance of friendly relations between the peoples of Japan and the United States, and

"WHEREAS, The presence on the Pacific Coast of large numbers of Japanese laborers is the cause of difficulties that from time to time give rise to discriminating rate legislation tending to disturb the historical friendship of these two countries, and

"WHEREAS, Unfriendly race legislation is likely to be repeatedly attempted so long as the difficulty is not met by some thorough-going solution: therefore,

"*Resolved*, That this Mission appeals to the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, suggesting

(1) That it appoint a commission to study this whole question in its relation to the teaching of Christ, and

(2) That it seek to rally the Christian forces of the United States for the solution of this problem and for the promoting of such measures as are in accord with the highest standards of Christian statesmanship."

OTHER MEMORIALS.

A considerable number of other resolutions and memorials have been conveyed.

The President, Shailer Mathews, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Rev. Frank Mason North, and the Secretary in co-operation with the American Jewish Committee, signed an important memorial addressed to the Czar of Russia, protesting against the trial for ritual murder in Russia.

The following communication has been received from the American Jewish Committee:

November 13, 1913.

Dear Dr. Macfarland:

"I thank you warmly for the appeal to the Czar of Russia, asking him to withdraw the false ritual murder accusation against the Jew recently on trial in Kief.

"Be assured that the Jewish people everywhere will deeply appreciate your broad sympathy and your willingness to come forward and express your protest against this despicable evidence of bigotry and race hatred.

"We feel that this appeal has been most effective even though the State Department did not transmit it through diplomatic channels. Its publication in the press both here and abroad, has produced an excellent impression and in all likelihood has had the desired effect on the Russian Government.

"In commenting on the verdict of Beilis, Mr. Louis Marshall, President of this Committee, said, 'Though this proceeding has been most painful to those who had fancied that the world had progressed beyond the manifestation of childish or malign superstition and its acceptance as the basis of judicial inquiry, there is nevertheless another phase of this episode which is encouraging, and that is the noble attitude of the

Christian clergy of the United States, who joined with singular unanimity in an impressive protest against the charge of ritual murder—one of the finest exhibitions of broad-mindedness and of the very essence of religion that the world has ever beheld.'

"With assurances of our high esteem and appreciation we beg to remain,"

Very respectfully yours,

THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE,

(Signed) HERMAN BERNSTEIN, *Secretary*.

DR. CHARLES S. MACFARLAND,

Secretary, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

PANAMA PACIFIC EXPOSITION.

Religious Campaign.

In response to the action of the Council and subsequent action taken by the Executive Committee, the special committee on this matter consisting of Rev. Frank Mason North, Rev. William I. Haven and the Secretary, has taken action as follows:

Two conferences of interdenominational movements were held in New York City, at the second of which the conference referred the matter to the Federal Council for adjustment with the local bodies in and about San Francisco.

President Shailer Mathews was commissioned to interview these bodies in San Francisco. In March he did so and also met the Exposition authorities. As the result of the service rendered by President Mathews an adjustment of the situation was perfected and upon his recommendation the subsequent action has been taken.

A joint request was received from a special committee on the Pacific Coast and the Church Federation of San Francisco requesting the Federal Council to appoint a National Committee of One Hundred, which should include representatives of the churches, of interdenominational organizations and movements and other appropriate bodies for the purpose of conducting the campaign.

In compliance with this request twenty-five representative members of such a committee were appointed and were authorized to complete the committee. On October 13th, at San Francisco, the Secretary met the original members who proceeded to complete their numbers and to prepare a program for the proposed activities.

He met with the various special committees and on October 21st, a meeting of the completed committee was held, at which officers and committees were elected and the general report of the Program Committee adopted, providing for a campaign to unite religious activities of all forms, missionary and religious exhibits and the holding of congresses and conventions, under the direction of the Committee of One Hundred, which consists of the following members:

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First Vice-President, Rev. H. H. Bell.

Second Vice-President, Rev. Charles F. Aked.

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Bell, Rev. H. H., San Francisco, Cal.

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Dodge, Miss Grace H.,	New York, N. Y.
Dille, Rev. E. R.,	Berkeley, Cal.
Dollar, Captain Robert,	San Francisco, Cal.
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Evans, Rev. W. C.,	San Francisco, Cal.
Fechter, John,	Oakland, Cal.
Fritz, N. N.,	San Francisco, Cal.
Foster, A. W.,	San Francisco, Cal.
Gause, Rev. N. C.,	San Francisco, Cal.
Guthrie, Rev. W. K.,	San Francisco, Cal.
Goodwin, Mrs. M. B.,	San Francisco, Cal.
Goodwin, Ralph,	San Francisco, Cal.
Gregory, Rev. Levi,	Oakland, Cal.
Goddard, Mrs. R. B.,	San Francisco, Cal.
Hicks, Miss A. M.,	Berkeley, Cal.
Hill, Rev. C. M.,	Berkeley, Cal.
Holmes, Dr. T. B.,	Oakland, Cal.
Hunting, Rev. Geo. C.,	Berkeley, Cal.
Hirota, Rev. Z.,	San Francisco, Cal.
Haven, Rev. Wm. I.,	New York, N. Y.
Hall, Wm. Phillips,	New York, N. Y.
Hughes, Bishop Edwin H.,	San Francisco, Cal.
Hall, Rev. Ernest F.,	San Francisco, Cal.
Horsburgh, James, Jr.,	San Francisco, Cal.
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Lawrance, Marion,	Chicago, Ill.
Millis, C. J.,	San Francisco, Cal.
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Mott, John R.,	New York, N. Y.
Morse, Richard C.,	New York, N. Y.
Miller, Rev. Rufus W.,	Philadelphia, Pa.
Morse, I. H.,	San Francisco, Cal.
Morse, L. L.,	San Francisco, Cal.
Meyer, Rev. H. H.,	New York, N. Y.
McCoy, Henry J.,	San Francisco, Cal.
Mell, Rev. A. W.,	San Francisco, Cal.
McCallum, John H.,	San Francisco, Cal.
Moore, Rev. T. V.,	San Anselmo, Cal.
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McAfee, Rev. L. A.,	Berkeley, Cal.
Merrill, Mrs. J. P.,	Menlo Park, Cal.
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Nash, Rev. C. S.,	Berkeley, Cal.
Naylor, A. W.,	Berkeley, Cal.
Perkins, R. R.,	San Francisco, Cal.
Parsons, Rev. E. L.,	Berkeley, Cal.
Pinney, Mrs. H. P.,	San Francisco, Cal.
Perkins, C. B.,	San Francisco, Cal.
Pinkerton, Rev. J. C.,	Los Angeles, Cal.
Riddle, Rev. J. M.,	San Francisco, Cal.
Rider, Rev. A. W.,	Oakland, Cal.
Roberts, Rev. Wm. H.,	Philadelphia, Pa.
Rathbone, Rev. L. D.,	San Francisco, Cal.
Russell, Rev. W. A.,	Los Angeles, Cal.
Rigdon, Dr. H. L.,	San Francisco, Cal.
Ryland, Rev. E. P.,	Los Angeles, Cal.
Richards, J. W.,	San Francisco, Cal.
Ralphs, Mrs. J. H. C.,	Berkeley, Cal.
Strong, Rev. Josiah,	New York, N. Y.
Speer, Robert E.,	New York, N. Y.
Sawyer, Rev. Louis J.,	San Francisco, Cal.
Spencer, Rev. W. C.,	Oakland, Cal.
Schooley, Miss Ella,	San Francisco, Cal.
Smythe, Mrs. G. B.,	Berkeley, Cal.
Stratton, Dr. R. T.,	Oakland, Cal.
Stephens, Rev. John,	San Francisco, Cal.
Squires, Rev. J. E.,	San Francisco, Cal.
Shaw, Rev. J. B.,	Los Angeles Cal.
Shaw, William,	Boston, Mass.
Vaughan, Rev. W. E.,	San Francisco, Cal.
Woody, Rev. C. A.,	Portland, Ore.
White, J. E.,	San Francisco, Cal.
White, Rev. Geo. W.,	Oakland, Cal.
Wallace, Lieut. Gov. A. J.,	Los Angeles Cal.
Westenberg, Mrs. C. A.,	Berkeley, Cal.
Waterhouse, Bishop R. G.,	Lakeport, Cal.
Waste, W. H.,	Berkeley, Cal.
Watchorn, Robert,	Los Angeles, Cal.
Wicher, Prof. E. A.,	San Anselmo, Cal.
White, J. Campbell,	New York, N. Y.
White, Rev. J. J.,	San Francisco, Cal.
Wallace, J. S.,	San Francisco, Cal.
Tenney, Rev. H. M.,	San Francisco, Cal.

Action Concerning the Moral Tone of the Exposition.

On May 7, 1913, the following communication was, under instructions, conveyed to the Mayor of San Francisco and to Rudolph J. Taussig, Secretary of the Exposition. The resolution was also sent out to the various constituent bodies of the Council, and the secretaries of the constituent bodies were requested to secure the same action upon the part of their various local denominational conferences throughout the country. The same procedure has been taken with regard to State and local Church Federations:

"By unanimous vote of the Administrative Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, whose constituent bodies number thirty Protestant Evangelical denominations, the following resolution is hereby respectfully submitted to you:

"WHEREAS, There is to be held in the City of San Francisco in 1915 a great exposition in which both American and foreign nations are to participate, and

"WHEREAS, The moral conditions under which such an exposition is held are a matter of immediate and general concern, be it hereby

"*Resolved*, That the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America do earnestly urge the city government of San Francisco and the Board of Directors of the Exposition to adopt every means to prevent the exploiting of the exposition by commercialized vice and to protect the visitors to San Francisco from such influence as would tend to lower public morals and injure the good name of San Francisco and America.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed)

SHAILER MATHEWS,

President;

(Signed)

FRANK MASON NORTH,

Chairman of the Executive Committee;

(Signed)

WILLIAM I. HAVEN,

Chairman of the Administrative Committee;

(Signed)

CHARLES S. MACFARLAND,

Secretary of the Council.

The following reply was received from the Mayor of San Francisco:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., May 20th, 1913.

Professor Shailer Mathews, President, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, 1611 Clarendon Building, 215 Fourth Avenue, New York City, N. Y.

My Dear Sir: "I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 7th instant submitting to me therewith a copy of a resolution adopted by your Council, which I note.

"The good name of San Francisco and her moral welfare are of the keenest concern to me and to the city administration. I do not hesitate to say, and to guarantee to you, that San Fran-

cisco and the affairs of the exposition may be safely entrusted to those in authority. They are sincere and determined in their efforts to suppress vice and crime, and to make San Francisco a clean, wholesome metropolis, worthy in every respect to be the World's Exposition City, and to make the Exposition itself one of which the Nation may well be proud."

Thanking you for your interest in the matter, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

(Signed)

JAMES ROLPH, JR.,
Mayor.

While the Secretary was in San Francisco the mayor invited an interview with him and gave renewed assurances of his earnest intent to see that the spirit of the Federal Council resolution was carried out in connection with the Exposition.

It is deemed best, however, to continue the securing of the memorials from religious bodies, inasmuch as in the very nature of the case there will be persistent attempts to exploit the Exposition in the interest of commercialized vice.

THE CONSTITUENT BODIES OF THE COUNCIL.

Constant conference and correspondence have been maintained with the official representatives and committees of the constituent bodies and the Secretary has sought to keep as fully informed as possible regarding these bodies, and especially concerning their wishes so far as the action of the Federal Council has been concerned.

Formal reports have been sent in the name of the Executive Committee to all of these bodies meeting during the year, and in addition printed copies of the reports have been circulated at the various National Assemblies which have been held as follows:

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S.

General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America.

General Conference of the Churches of the United Brethren in Christ.

General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the U. S. A.

The General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.
Northern Baptist Convention.

Synod of the Moravian Church in America.

General Conference of Free Baptists.

Seventh Day Baptists General Conference.
General Conference of the German Evangelical Synod.
General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.
General Assembly of the Welsh Presbyterian Church, U.
S. A.
National Baptist Convention.
International Missionary Convention Disciples of Christ.
National Council of Congregational Churches of the United
States.

The Secretary attended all of these Assemblies as the representative of the Council with the exception of the Lutheran General Synod, which was attended by President Shailer Mathews; the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, where we were represented by Rev. A. G. Lawson; the General Conference of the German Evangelical Synod, represented by Dean W. F. Tillett; the National Baptist Convention, by J. E. McCulloch; the United Brethren, the Disciples and the Welsh Presbyterian, at which the Council was represented by members of the Executive Committee connected with these bodies.

The Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. gave much space to the report of the work of the Federal Council. The United Presbyterian Assembly voted the unanimous approval of the Council and adopted its entire social service program. The Southern Presbyterian Assembly, after long and thoughtful discussion covering several sessions of the Assembly, voted to continue us a constant body of the Council by a vote of 138 to 27. This Assembly showed its serious interest in the common work by giving an expression of its understanding concerning the autonomy of the constituent bodies, and appointed a committee to submit to the Federal Council in joint action with other Presbyterian bodies a statement concerning the social obligations of the churches.

At the Northern Baptist Convention a session was given to the Federal Council, addressed by Dr. Lawson, President Mathews and the Secretary.

The Lutheran General Synod recorded its deep appreciation and satisfaction at the visitation of President Mathews and registered its unanimous approval and loyalty. The United Brethren took similar action and the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America received and responded to the address of Rev. Albert G. Lawson with gratifying interest.

The Reformed Presbyterian General Synod passed the following vote:

CINCINNATI, OHIO, May, 1913.

"*Resolved*, That this Synod has heard with great pleasure the address of Dr. Charles S. Macfarland, Secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and appreciates the honor and courtesy of his personal presence on the floor of this court."

"Synod wishes him God speed in his work and expresses her satisfaction with, and interest in, the work of the Federal Council."

"Synod also through Dr. Macfarland wishes to extend hearty greetings of Christian fellowship to the Northern Baptist Convention now meeting in Detroit."

The Council has received from the Moravian Synod a statesmanlike utterance issued by its instruction over the signature of Bishop Morris W. Leibert, reviewing the relationship of this body to all movements in the interest of Christian Unity.

THE MORAVIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA.

The Executive Committee, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the Rev. Frank Mason North, D.D., Chairman, the Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, D.D., Secretary,

Brethren: "The Synod of the Moravian Church, convened at Nazareth, Pa., June 18-July 1, 1913, requested its President to make fraternal reply to the communication addressed to it by the Federal Council, and to transmit copies of the preambles and resolutions adopted in reply thereto to the Executive Committee."

"As president, it was my pleasant duty to arrange for the presence at, and my privilege to present to, the Synod of the Moravian Church, the Rev. Dr. Macfarland, Secretary of the Federal Council, as also to provide for the proper consideration of your communication and of his address."

"In following my instructions, now, I discharge a duty and enjoy a privilege equally valued in notifying the Council's Executive Committee, with which I have been associated since its organization, of the action taken by the Moravian Church and in availing myself of the opportunity of assuring you that in all matters falling within the scope of the Council the Moravian attitude is most cordial and the Moravian spirit most fraternal."

"That a larger and a more effective co-operation on our part has not been achieved, and that support more tangible and substantial has not been evidenced, must be attributed solely to the numerical smallness and the circumscribed sphere of the Moravian body. However, notwithstanding appearances, our denomination desires to maintain the closest relations to and to display the keenest sympathy with every endeavor that may be put forth by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

"The action of the Moravian Synod, which it was voted to convey to your body, is contained in the subjoined quotation:—

"WHEREAS, Following in the steps of the Evangelical Alliance, there are at the present time two movements tending towards Christian Unity, the one being the proposed World Conference on Faith and Order, the other the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America,

"Resolved, That this Synod reaffirms its position on Christian union, which reads: 'The fathers and founders of the Brethren's Church, in the century before the Protestant Reformation of the sixteenth century, in the interest of what they accepted as the Faith of Christ and His Apostles, secured for themselves the Historic Episcopate and organized as a church of Christ. This Church in all the centuries of its existence and activity, in all parts of the Christian and heathen world, has maintained a position of most cordial recognition and of fellowship with brethren of other churches of different names and forms of government.'

"WHEREAS, The World Conference on Faith and Order is an international movement and approaches the Union of Christendom from the standpoint of an organized Christianity, which states and adheres to its positive beliefs and proceeds in its administration along lines of established order, and

"WHEREAS, This movement should receive the hearty support of the Moravian Church, as long as it is in accordance with the foregoing resolution and in no wise becomes schismatic, and

"WHEREAS, The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America is a national organization which approaches the union of Christendom from the standpoint of common religious and social needs, which may be met by common activities on the part of the various churches, working separately and conjointly, be it, therefore,

"Resolved, That we express our interest in and our sym-

pathy with both the planned World Conference on Faith and Order and the Federal Council of the Church of Christ in America, in so far as they recognize their common purpose and do not conflict with one another in its attainment.

"Resolved, That Synod urges the Governing Boards of the individual churches to do all in their power to co-operate with the Federal Council whenever opportunity offers."

"Believing that both your communication and your representative have contributed much to the strengthening of the bonds of fellowship between the Federal Council and the Moravian Church, and praying that efficient co-operation may ever increase.

"I beg to remain, in the name and in behalf of the Synod of the Moravian Church in America,"

Very sincerely, your brother,

(Signed.)

MORRIS W. LEIBERT.

The Secretary's visit to the General Conference of Free Baptists was especially gratifying because in this body we have had recently a remarkable evidence of the willingness of its members to adjust their sense of freedom to the great interests of the Kingdom of God. The visit to the Conference of Seventh Day Baptists was also notable for its discovery of the loyalty to conviction revealed on the one hand, together with a serious consideration of the larger interests of their brethren of the other churches on the other hand.

Dean W. F. Fillett reports a cordial hearing at the General Conference of the German Evangelical Synod in Louisville, and since his visit we have received word from this Synod of their willingness to increase its apportionment to the full amount. Mr. McCulloch reports that the leaders of the National Baptist Convention (colored), at Nashville, expressed their desire to participate more largely in the work of the Council. Rev. J. H. Garrison, one of our representatives at the Convention of the Disciples of Christ at Toronto, reports that the Federal Council was recognized again and again in the addresses, and that the Council may rely confidently on the future co-operation of the Disciples, who are more and more committed to the cause in which the Council is engaged.

At the National Council of Congregational Churches, Kansas City, the report of the Federal Council delegates was warm and unhesitating in its statement that the Council is really accomplishing what it has set out to do. The report states

that "the meeting a year ago in Chicago profoundly impressed the Congregational delegates." The report of the delegates was heartily adopted, including a recommendation that the Council should receive "the generous gifts of individuals, by which gifts Congregationalists will render an important service to Christian Unity." The Congregational Committee, of which Rev. Raymond Calkins is chairman, has already communicated its desire to further the interests of the Council.

At the Protestant Episcopal Convention the resolution for full relationship with the Federal Council was adopted by the House of Deputies, in which, however, the House of Bishops failed to concur; the previous relationship is continued and the Commissions on Christian Unity and Social Service will co-operate as in the past with the Federal Council.

It is clear that the constituent bodies are taking the Council more and more seriously; are giving more thoughtful attention to the problem of defining its work and are increasing in their sense of appreciation of the great work which the denominations must do in common. I think I may say without any qualification that wherever doubt regarding the work or the progress of the Council has been expressed it has been found to be based upon misunderstanding.

The policy of the Council, of attempting to regulate its progress in such a way that the whole body of the churches may move together, is vindicating itself, and we may feel sure that more rapid progress in the future may be made because of this attitude of the Council towards the constituent bodies, and its attempt to be assured of the wish and the spirit of these bodies. Were the Council to become a free lance its progress would be seriously hindered. Primarily it must be remembered that it is the sum of all its parts. It was this sense of the necessity for a real and not only a formal co-operation which led the Secretary, as the result of his visits to the constituent bodies, to recommend the appointment of a committee to prepare a statement of the policy of the Council relative to its constituent bodies, which report will be presented at the annual meeting of the Executive Committee.

By correspondence and conference a serious attempt will be made during the coming year to use the denominational committees on Comity, Federation and Unity in the prosecution of a propaganda for educating the membership of the constituent bodies in the work and the opportunities of the Council.

THE COMMISSIONS OF THE COUNCIL.

The Commissions have all been appointed and number about a thousand members in all.

Commission on Evangelism.

This Commission organized at Atlantic City, September 16-17, its officers being as follows: Chairman, Rev. William H. Roberts; Vice-Chairman, Rev. Bishop Joseph F. Berry; Recording Secretary, Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer; General Secretary, Rev. William E. Biederwolf. Dr. Biederwolf has rendered effective service as the Secretary of the National Federated Evangelistic Committee and his election has brought many communications expressing gratification from religious leaders in various parts of the country.

The Commission elected an executive committee, and it is expected that it will open offices January first, 1914. The Chairman of the Commission has sent out to the churches a report of its organization. The Commission will hold its next meeting in April, 1914.

The Commission on the Church and Social Service.

This Commission held a meeting for organization April 10th, and its Committee of Direction has met monthly.

At the organization meeting Professor George W. Richards was elected Recording Secretary and Miss Louise Holmquist serves as the Recording Secretary of the Committee of Direction. Under the efficient leadership of the chairman, Rev. Josiah Strong, this Commission is rapidly increasing its work and influence.

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH AND COUNTRY LIFE.

A tentative Committee on Church and Country Life has been appointed of which Gifford Pinchot is the chairman. This committee is now being enlarged to about thirty members to include representatives of the churches who are qualified for this particular work.

The Committee has engaged Rev. Charles O. Gill as field investigator and Mr. Gill has spent three months in Europe under appointment both as representative and investigator for the Federal Council and as a member of the American Commission for the Study of Agricultural Co-operation in Europe. Mr. Gill is now preparing a report to be made to the Council, upon the reception of which the Committee on the Church and Country Life will definitely lay out its program.

Under the direction of this Committee and by vote of the Administrative Committee of the Federal Council, a very important book by Mr. Gill and Mr. Pinchot has been published through Macmillan, entitled "The Country Church; The Decline of Its Influence and the Remedy." The reviews of this book in the religious press and magazines have almost without exception designated it as on the whole the most important contribution to the question which has been published up to the present time.

Mr. Gill is constantly receiving correspondence from country ministers all over the land requesting information, guidance and advice, and it is to be expected that this department of the Commission will assume large importance.

The work already done by Dr. Warren H. Wilson of a broad and interdenominational nature has prepared the way for the Federal Council Committee, and the preliminary work of my former associate, Rev. George Frederick Wells, has enabled the Federal Council to make an immediate approach in this new department of its work.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS.

The campaign for One-Day-In-Seven for industrial workers has been persistently prosecuted through the Commission's six hundred representatives in various States, and through the co-operative action of the American Association for Labor Legislation, laws which promise effectiveness have been passed in the States of New York and Massachusetts. It is expected that several other legislatures will pass similar measures in the near future. The document just issued, entitled "Continuous Toil and Continuous Toilers or One Day in Seven for Industrial Workers," contains a statement of the gravity of the situation by John A. Fitch, and is one which should be in the hands of all Christian people.

Labor Sunday received the usual wide observance, and the program for a Labor Sunday service prepared by the Commission received unusual commendation this year.

Rev. Sidney Strong, of Seattle, and Rev. O. H. McGill, Industrial Evangelist, of Seattle, served as the fraternal delegates from the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America at the Convention of the American Federation of Labor at Seattle, November 10-24. The address to the Convention was made by Dr. Strong, and a letter from Frank Morrison, Secretary of the American Federation of Labor from Seattle, reports that arrangements were made whereby labor representatives occupied many pulpits on Sunday and that the arrange-

ments perfected by Mr. McGill were unusually well planned and effective.

In the course of his visitations to various cities the Secretary of the Council has addressed meetings in Labor Temples and the usual co-operative relation with the organizations of labor in matters which are of common interest and purpose has been continued.

INVESTIGATIONS.

A committee is now engaged in the investigation of the general industrial situation as revealed at Paterson, N. J., and its report promises to be of such significance as to warrant the time needed for most careful preparation.

The same committee has been authorized to make an investigation regarding prison conditions.

THE SECRETARIAL COUNCIL.

The denominational secretaries for social service, acting as associate secretaries of the Federal Council Commission, have found it possible to make a very effective combination of their denominational work with interdenominational interests.

Secretaries Harry F. Ward and Henry A. Atkinson have been campaigning pretty much over the entire country. They have appeared in their capacity as representatives of the Federal Council Commission whenever such a relationship would prove the most effective. Mr. Atkinson was the special representative of the Federal Council at the Annual Conference of Charities and Correction held in Seattle, July 5-12, and the Missionary Education Movement at Geneva, August 8th. Secretary Samuel Z. Batten has exercised the same representative functions and has given much time and service to the common work. Secretary Frank M. Crouch has not only participated in the work of the Commission, but has spoken on behalf of the Council at various meetings of social and religious workers in various parts of the country.

The space appropriate for such a report as this is not sufficient to make a record of the services rendered on behalf of the Federal Council by the local secretaries for social service, but especial mention should be made of the work of William B. Patterson, Secretary of the Commission of the Inter-Church Federation of Philadelphia. Mr. Patterson is adapting the national program of the Commission on the Church and Social Service to local conditions, not only re-adopting the various resolutions coming from the Federal Council, but in constant addresses to the churches emphasizing the things for which the Federal Council stands. Especial mention is made

of this work because it indicates the opportunity for mutual association between the national and the local commissions.

Rev. E. Guy Talbott, of Los Angeles, has been a special representative of the Commission on the Pacific Coast, in which capacity he has addressed a large number of labor meetings, religious meetings, federation conferences and educational institutions. While in Sacramento, the Secretary secured financial support for the organization of a Local Federation, of which Mr. Talbott is to be the Executive Secretary.

The associate secretaries united in a campaign in Philadelphia November 10-12, among the churches and with the social service leaders of that city.

GENERAL ITEMS.

The Commission called a meeting of representatives of various social organizations and arranged with them for a committee to attempt the adjustment of the various special Sundays which the churches are asked to devote to social causes.

The Commission passed an important resolution on marriage and the home and transmitted it to the Federal Council Commission on Family Life.

Rev. William W. Ranney served as a representative of the Federal Council to the Convention of the American Public Health Association at Colorado Springs, September 9-13.

Nathan W. MacChesney served as a representative of the Federal Council to the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology in Montreal, September 3d and 4th.

The field work of the Secretary of the Federal Council in behalf of this Commission has been carried on in connection with his general work, and may be noted in his general report on this aspect of his work.

THE CONSTITUENT DENOMINATIONAL DEPARTMENTS.

The various denominations of the Federal Council are giving more and more official recognition to the work of social service, and especial development should be noted on the part of the Methodist Episcopal Church whose social service secretary has recently been elected professor of social service in the Theological School of Boston University. The Baptist and Protestant Episcopal Departments are being rapidly developed and at the recent National Council of Congregational Churches this work was placed in the hands of a Commission on Social Service which officially represents the National Council and whose Secretary will be an official Secretary of the denomina-

tion. It may be said that all the constituent bodies are largely shaping up their work in connection with the Federal Council Commission.

LITERATURE.

Secretary Harry F. Ward has prepared a new edition of the volume, entitled "The Social Creed of the Churches," which is in press, and will be issued as a first book for beginners in the study of social service.

Other volumes will be issued during the coming year taking up various phases of the social work of the churches.

"The Country Church," by Gill and Pinchot, has had a large distribution.

By a vote of the Committee of Direction the Secretary of the Federal Council and the Assistant to the Secretary, Mr. E. M. McConoughey, are translating some of the literature of the Commission into German and this will be done in other foreign tongues for distribution among foreign speaking people in order that they may become acquainted with the attitude of the Protestant churches of America toward social and industrial questions.

Commission on Peace and Arbitration.

Dr. Lynch, the Secretary of the Commission on Peace and Arbitration, reports that about five thousand sermons were preached on Peace Sunday, May 18th, in all parts of the United States in compliance with the call sent out by the Commission.

Peace Literature to the amount of about 30,000 pamphlets has been sent out to ministers.

The adoption of resolutions by many of the National and State Conventions of Churches has been secured, and arrangements have been made in a large number of cases for making the peace movement an important subject on the programs of these meetings. The Commission was instrumental in having the National Council of Congregational Churches put a peace platform in its confessional utterance adopted at Kansas City; this being the first time in the history of the world that peace and arbitration has found its place in such an utterance.

A large number of articles and a good deal of news matter has been sent to the religious journals. Meetings of ministers have been arranged, and the Secretary and other representatives of the Commission have addressed ministerial associations.

Through the initiative of the Commission a general Church Peace League has enrolled over a thousand ministers, who have been invited to become leaders of the movement in their localities.

The book by the Secretary, entitled the "Peace Problem" has been widely distributed among ministers through a special fund contributed for that purpose. A new book by Dr. Lynch, entitled "What Makes a Nation Great?" is on the press.

Plans are now forming for a national and international movement of the churches, with adequate financial provision, which the Secretary hopes to report in full the first of the year.

Commission on Foreign Missions.

In January the Secretary convened the original Committee on Foreign Missions which served for the First Quadrennium, in connection with the Foreign Missions Boards Conference at Garden City, and through action on the part of this committee arrangements were made whereby the new Commission on Foreign Missions should be invited to meet with the Foreign Missions Conference of North America at its meeting in January, 1914.

The Commission held a meeting on November 13th, at which after full discussion the following statement of policy was adopted:

(1) "It shall be the policy of the Commission not to duplicate the work of the Annual Conference of Mission Boards and of the Committee of Reference and Counsel, and to look forward to the time when the Foreign Mission function of the Federal Council may be discharged through the annual Conference of the Foreign Mission Boards.

(2) "It shall be the policy of the Commission to use whatever influence it may, as an agency of the Federal Council of the Churches, to forward these movements of co-operation and unity which the Foreign Mission Boards are prompting, and in which they need the support of their Church constituencies.

(3) "It shall be the policy of the Commission to publish from time to time such bulletins or pamphlets as it may deem helpful to the Mission cause and appropriate for it, in view of its character and relationships, to issue.

(4) "It shall be the policy of the Commission to keep before the churches the attainments already made in foreign missionary work in federation, co-operation and unity, as a help to the Church at home in its consideration of the methods and possibilities of unity in the work of the Church in the United States."

The chairman of the Commission, Robert E. Speer, was in-

structed to appoint an Executive Committee of seven with himself as chairman, to include as many members of the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference as may be members of the Commission.

Rev. Sidney L. Gulick, of Japan, presented to the Commission important matters relative to the situation in the far East, which with recommendations from Dr. Speer will be considered at the coming meeting of the Executive Committee.

Arrangements will probably be made whereby Dr. Gulick may be sent out through the leading cities of the country to present his message, and support is now being sought for this work, with every promise of success.

The Secretary has proposed to this Commission the development of close if not constituent relationship with the Federations and Churches in Foreign Fields.

Commission on Religious Education.

This Commission will meet at Baltimore, December 4th, to consider recommendations which have been prepared by a special committee consisting of the Chairman of the Commission, Dean W. F. Tillett, Rev. H. H. Meyer, Secretary of the Sunday School Council of Evangelical Churches, and the Secretary of the Federal Council.

Other Commissions.

The Commission on Temperance has arranged a meeting to be held in Washington, December 10th, at which the several actions of the Federal Council will be considered. The Chairman of the Commission, Rev. Rufus W. Miller, was appointed by President Wilson to the International Congress on Alcoholism at Milan, Italy, September 22-28.

The Commission on Home Missions has arranged a meeting to be held in January, at which the main question will be how this Commission may co-operate with and be helpful to the Home Missions Council.

The Commissions on Family Life and Sunday Observance have been appointed, but have not yet been called together for organization.

Special Commissions.

Following instructions of the Federal Council, which originated in the conference of Theological Seminaries held at Chicago, the following Joint Commission has been organized

for the purpose of recommending courses of instruction in Theological Schools on social, industrial and allied subjects On the part of the Theological Seminaries: Prof. Thomas C Hall, Prof. Theodore F. Herman, Dean Shailer Mathews, Prof. Walter Rauschenbusch, Pres. George B. Stewart. On the part of the Federal Council, selected from the Commission on the Church and Social Service: Rev. Ernest H. Abbott, Prof. Thomas N. Carver, Prof. Edward T. Devine, Rev. Washington Gladden, Rev. Josiah Strong, Rev. Charles S. Macfarland.

This Commission met and organized February 8th, 1913, in New York, and appointed a special committee to prepare a report to be submitted to the full committee before submission to the Federal Council. President George B. Stewart was elected chairman.

In response to a request from Mr. Fred B. Smith, representing certain interdenominational organizations and movements the Administrative Committee has been authorized to appoint a Commission on Interdenominational Movements.

Commission on State and Local Federations.

The work of this Commission has been carried out by Mr. E. M. McConoughey, of the National Office of the Federal Council, with the personal counsel and advice of the Chairman of the Commission, Rev. A. W. Anthony. A constant correspondence is carried on with the local leaders.

The Commission, which is composed largely of executive officers of State and Local Federations, has entered seriously upon an attempt to formulate principles for the work of local federations; to define such co-operative relationship as they may have to the Federal Council and to provide ways by which they may through this Commission be of mutual help. Mr. McConoughey has prepared a descriptive directory of State and Local Federations which is now nearly ready for the press. This has been a very difficult piece of work, but should be worth while as a first move in the attempt to assist in the work of these federations.

Various recommendations and questions will come before the Executive Committee in the special report to be presented by Dr. Anthony. It is appropriate, however, that the Secretary of the Council should make some observations as to the results of his visits to the local federations.

This work is still in its elemental, formative and experimental stage. In some cities and towns it has approximated or reached success. In places where it has been taken seri-

ously and where strong pastors and laymen have gotten behind it to a sufficient extent, it has clearly shown its promise, demonstrated its possibilities and proved its effectiveness.

Relatively few, however, of either pastors or laymen comprehend the significance of the federative movement. In many places it is considered simply as an occasional coming together for good fellowship.

The federations which have proved successful are in the main those that have been formed around some very definite, concrete and pressing problems. It is perhaps worth noting that the laymen seem to appreciate and understand the movement when it is brought to their attention rather better than the pastors as a whole. It seems to appeal more strongly to their sense of efficiency.

While it cannot be said that local federation is yet an achievement, it is on the whole making progress and proving itself in proportion to the serious intent and purpose of the local federation and church leaders. Its functions have not yet been determined and its work is of necessity very largely opportunistic.

One or two special cities, however, are now working effectively upon the problem, and when one or two cities succeed in this it may be fairly predicted the federative movement all over the country will move not only with rapidity, but with greater efficiency than it has up to this time.

There are now 21 State Federations, of which 13 are active, and about 130 City and County Federations, of which about 95 are actively prosecuting their work.

The Secretary has assisted in organizing several City Federations and has visited many for counsel and advice.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL MOVEMENTS.

Record has already been made concerning the appointment of a Commission on Interdenominational Movements, and there is general recognition of the fact that some closer relationship should prevail between the Federal Council and the various voluntary movements which have been created, if not by the churches, through the churches.

Meanwhile, in perfectly natural ways a normal relationship is coming about with some of these organizations, notably with the Young Women's Christian Association. It is clear that to this movement will fall the leadership of the whole woman movement in this country. Its progress during the past few years has been almost without precedent. The Secretary of the Council has attended the Conference of Employed Officers

of these Associations; spent ten days in one of the Conferences at Silver Bay and is in constant correspondence and conference with the various secretaries of the organization with regard to movements of mutual interest. Secretaries of the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Associations are members of our Federal Council Commission on the Church and Social Service, and are serving on its important committees, and the President of the National Board, Miss Grace H. Dodge, is a member of the Committee of Direction of the Commission.

The relationship with the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations is becoming closer. Acting under the policy of the Council to use existing agencies rather than to create new ones, many important tasks upon which the Federal Council, representing the churches, is engaged, appear to call for the closest co-operation with the great forces represented in the Young Men's Christian Associations.

The same co-operative relationship should obtain with the various missionary and other interdenominational movements. The Federal Council should gradually invite such relationships with movements that are either authorized or recognized by the churches, and it is to be hoped that the Commission to be appointed will bring about a relationship which shall unite these bodies in all the work which they have in common.

The National Committee of One Hundred appointed by the Federal Council for religious activities in connection with the Panama Exposition has already recognized its opportunity to give an effective expression of real co-operation by all the Protestant evangelical forces of the nation.

FIELD WORK AND OTHER SECRETARIAL ACTIVITIES.

The following are the more important engagements which the Secretary has filled in addition to his attendance upon meetings of the Administrative Committee, the Executive Committee, and other meetings connected with the Federal Council itself:

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| January | 14 | The Home Missions Council. |
| | 14-15 | Foreign Missions Conference at Garden City, at which a meeting of the Committee on Foreign Missions was also held. |
| | 19 | Address at Presbyterian Church, Summit, N. J. |

- 21 Addressed the Charities Conference of New York City
- 28 Presided at Annual Meeting of the New York City Federation.
- 29 Interdenominational Conference on the Panama Exposition.
- February 8 Joint Commission of Theological Seminaries.
- 10 Address at Union Theological Seminary, New York.
- 12 Preached Lenten sermon at St. Michael's Protestant Episcopal Church, New York.
- 13 Met with the Protestant Episcopal Joint Commission on Social Service.
- 16 Address on "Federal Unity" at Mt. Morris Baptist Church, New York.
- 17 Dinner of New York City Federation to Ambassador Bryce.
- 25 Organization Meeting of International Committee on Marriage and Divorce.
- March 9 Addressed Student Conference at Andover Theological Seminary, Cambridge, Mass.
- 12 Meeting of Philip Schaff Memorial Committee, New York.
- 14 General Committee on Anniversary of the Treaty of Ghent.
- 25 Visited the White House, Headquarters of the Army and Headquarters of the Navy, with Washington Committee.
- 26 Meeting of a group of Country Life Leaders.
- 28 Special Conference of Social Leaders.
- April 16 Addressed Conference of Employed Officers of the Young Women's Christian Associations at Richmond.
- 16 Conference on Education in the South, at Richmond.
- 22 Conference of the Organization Committee of the International Committee on Marriage and Divorce at New York.
- 26-29 Two addresses at the Southern Sociological Congress, Atlanta.
- 30 Participated in the opening of Dr. Biedewolf's Evangelistic Campaign at Greensboro, N. C.

- May** 5 Meeting of American Committee on the Celebration of the Treaty of Ghent.
 13-15 Lake Mohonk Conference on Peace and Arbitration.
 17-22 The three Presbyterian Assemblies at Atlanta.
 23 Reformed Presbyterian General Synod at Cincinnati.
 24 Northern Baptist Convention, Detroit.
- June** 4 Conference of Advisory Committee of the Department of Surveys and Exhibits of the Russel Sage Foundation.
 6 Met representatives of the local Federation in St. Louis.
 8 Baccalaureate sermon, Central College (Southern M. E.), Fayette, Mo.
 8 Baccalaureate sermon, Howard-Payne College.
 9-12 Course of six lectures, addresses and conferences at Southern Methodist Preachers' Institute, Fayette, Mo.
 16 Conference of interdenominational movements relative to Panama-Pacific Exposition.
 24 Addressed Synod of the Moravian Church, and held conferences with the special Committee of Synod, Nazareth, Pa.
- June 30-July 10 Daily lectures and conferences at the Eastern City Conference under the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Associations at Silver Bay, New York.
- July** 14 Conference with local federation leaders at Boston, Mass.
 15-16 Attended and addressed the General Conference of Free Baptists at Ocean Park, Maine.
- August** 10 Presbyterian Church, Dover, N. J.
 22-24 Two addresses and conferences at Seventh Day Baptists' General Conference, Brookfield, N. Y.
- September** 20-21 Addressed the Efficiency Society at Lake Placid, N. Y., on "Efficiency in the Churches."
 26-27 Conference with Canadian leaders at Toronto.

- October
- 5 At Plymouth Congregational Church and First Methodist Church, Seattle, Washington.
 - 6 Addressed Ministers' Federation and held conferences with local leaders, Seattle, Washington.
 - 7 Addressed Ministers' Meeting, conferred with local leaders, and addressed general meeting, Tacoma, Washington.
 - 8 Addressed ministers of Portland, Oregon.
 - 10-12 Held conferences at San Francisco.
 - 12 Spoke at Grace Methodist Episcopal Church and First Baptist Church, San Francisco.
 - 13 Addressed ministers and met with the Panama Exposition Committee, San Francisco.
 - 14 Addressed Ministers' Conference and general meeting, Sacramento.
 - 15 Met with Committees on Panama Exposition and authorities in charge of the Exposition.
 - 16 Addressed meeting under auspices of Federation of Churches, Oakland.
 - 17 Addressed meeting at Labor Temple, Los Angeles.
 - 18 Addressed banquet of County Teachers' Association, Los Angeles.
 - 19 Spoke at Federation mass meeting and preached at First Congregational Church, Los Angeles.
 - 20 Attended Methodist Episcopal Ministers' Meeting; addressed students of Occidental College; banquet of Los Angeles Federation of Churches.
 - 21 Met with Panama Committee and addressed Women's Missionary Meeting, San Francisco.
 - 22 Met with various committees and ministers, San Francisco.
 - 25-27 Spent in study of conditions in the Home Missions field in three towns in Arizona and New Mexico.
 - 29-30 National Council of Congregational Churches, Kansas City, and address at luncheon conference of federation leaders.
 - 31 Addressed dinner followed by general meeting Church Federation of Des Moines.

- November 1 Conference with local leaders, Detroit.
 9-10 Addresses at Central Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, First Methodist Episcopal Church, Germantown, and Central Labor Union of Philadelphia.
 10 Addressed meeting of social workers and federation leaders at City Club, Philadelphia.
 26 Lecture at International Y. W. C. A. Training School.
- November 27 Address at union meeting, Boonton, N. J.
- December 10 Met with Committee at Washington and attended meeting of the Commission on Temperance.

The Secretary has attended many other committee meetings and conferences of a minor nature, and has attended hearings and meetings as a representative of the church forces on matters of moral and social reform.

He has rendered service on the following committees:

Executive Committee on the U. S. Industrial Commission.

Mother's Day International Association.

National Committee on Prison Labor.

Committee of American Association for Labor Legislation.

Secretary of the Joint Commission on Theological Seminaries.

Philip Schaff Memorial Committee.

Social Service Department of the Southern Sociological Congress.

Executive Council of the Religious Education Association.

International Committee on Marriage and Divorce.

Committee on the Church and Social Service of the National Conference of Charities and Correction.

Advisory Committee of the Department of Surveys and Exhibits of the Russell Sage Foundation.

Committee of the Efficiency Society of New York on Church Efficiency.

Advisory Council and Committee on Plan and Scope of National Civic Federation.

Executive Committee of the American Committee on the Treaty of Ghent.

American Citizens' Committee on the Hague Peace Conference.

Board of Managers of the Evangelical Alliance.

Trustee of the Church Peace Foundation.

Advisory Committee of the Intercollegiate Bureau of Occupations and other similar minor organizations and committees.

More field work might have been done with profit were it

not that the Secretary needs to keep in constant touch with the national office and its staff.

So far as time has permitted, various articles on phases of the Council's work have been prepared and published in considerable number for religious and general magazines.

In this connection it should be noted that much field work for the Council has been done by other officers of the Council. President Shailer Mathews has responded to a multitude of invitations of various kinds, largely extended to him in his capacity as President of the Council. He has officially represented the Council at the Northern Baptist Convention, the General Synod of the Lutheran Church, a mass meeting in Los Angeles, and a dinner and federation meeting at San Francisco. As the representative of the Council, he spoke and served as its delegate at the Third National Peace Conference at St. Louis, and is now under engagement by the Indiana State Federation, the Lansing, Michigan, Federation, the Methodist ministers of Chicago and other similar bodies. Mention has already been made of the representative service of Dr. Lawson, Dr. Tillett and Mr. McCulloch at denominational gatherings. Rev. Asher Anderson was delegated to represent the Council at an important meeting in Massachusetts, Dr. Radcliffe has given ready service at Washington, and Hon. H. B. F. Macfarland has taken charge of the interest of the Council relative to its proposed incorporation by act of Congress.

The Secretary has found ready response from these and many other of our church leaders whenever called upon.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

While it cannot be said that these relationships have attained much more than a sentiment of goodwill, the national office has carried on considerable correspondence with leaders in Canada, Panama, the Philippines and the Free Church Council in England. One of our correspondents at Sidney, New South Wales, writes of certain important movements initiated there that "they could not have successfully prosecuted except for the influence of the Federal Council."

It is hoped that such relationships may be established that in the near future the time may be found opportune for the calling of a congress which shall be for the work of the churches at large what the Edinburgh Congress was for the missionary movement.

The Secretary has accepted an invitation to attend a conference of Canadian religious leaders at Ottawa in March.

The plans of the Commission on Peace and Arbitration will bring about some important international movements during 1914, including an international conference in Europe; and our response to the memorial from Japan will probably lead to a new relationship with the nations of the East.

THE NATIONAL OFFICE.

To the deep disappointment of the Secretary he has been deprived of the counsel, guidance and advice of his honorary associate, Rev. E. B. Sanford, owing to serious illness, but he is happy to report to the Executive Committee that Dr. Sanford has greatly improved during the past few weeks.

The Secretary was without an assistant until August first, when Mr. E. M. McConoughey was engaged to serve in that capacity. Mr. McConoughey has had unusual training for his work, both in this country and abroad, to which has been added two years of pastoral experience. He has already grasped the work of the office and is prosecuting it with success.

Of the clerical work the following record, which has been kept by the Treasurer, Mr. Kimball, will give some indication:

Number of volumes "Christian Unity at Work" sent out,	2,199
Number of books sent out (exclusive of "Christian Unity at Work"),	1,041
Number of Proceedings of Chicago Quadrennial sent out,	5,625
Number of pamphlets sent out (exclusive of Proceedings),	186,806

Total number of pieces of literature sent out,	195,671
Number of special and form letters sent out,	100,373
General daily correspondence, number of letters, ...	30,375

Total number of letters sent out, 130,748

During the period from January first to June first the average was about five hundred letters and one thousand pamphlets a day in addition to the general correspondence averaging about seventy-five letters a day.

The carrying on of continuous correspondence with the Executive and Administrative Committees, the Commissions and other committees numbering something like two thousand persons, and the additional correspondence with the religious press, the theological seminaries, national, state and local organizations, and the various denominational boards and de-

partments give some idea of the faithful work done by my associates: the general director of the office work, Miss Alla Libbey; the stenographer for general correspondence and librarian, Miss Lucy M. Hadsell; the assistant to the Treasurer, Miss Jessie D. Logan, and their associates.

With the assistance of Mr. McConoughey and the present efficient organization of the office, the Secretary expects to be able during the coming year to do very much more field work than he has been able to do this year.

During December the new quarters at the United Charities Building will be entered. The National Office now has a library of seventeen hundred volumes, consisting mainly of the latest books on social service, missions, peace and arbitration, the country life movement, Christian unity, denominational history and one or two other departments. About two hundred religious papers and magazines are constantly received, about one hundred and fifty labor papers and about the same number of magazines devoted to social work.

The financial operations of the office require a disproportionate amount of time. The Secretary has attempted to give the greatest possible attention to the securing of the necessary funds without neglecting the work without which an appeal for assistance would be ineffective. While it cannot be yet said that the Council is satisfactorily financed, there is every reason to believe that support will come as fast as the significance of the work which is being done becomes sufficiently impressed upon the laymen of our churches. Negotiations are now pending whereby, for certain special tasks, substantial support is likely to be secured.

Literature Issued During the Year.

Books.

Christian Unity at Work. 4th Edition. The Second Council, of 1912. Edited by the Secretary of the Federal Council. 291 pages. Price, \$1.00 net. Postpaid, \$1.20.

The Country Church: The result of an investigation, by Charles O. Gill and Gifford Pinchot, of the Committee on the Church and Country Life. Price, \$1.25 net. Postpaid, \$1.36.

Spiritual Culture and Social Service. 4th Edition. By Charles S. Macfarland, Secretary of the Federal Council. Price, \$1.00 net. Postpaid, \$1.10.

The Christian Ministry and the Social Order. 2d Edition. Edited by Charles S. Macfarland. Price, \$1.25 net. Postpaid, \$1.40.

The Peace Problem. By Frederick Lynch, Secretary of the

Commission on Peace and Arbitration. Price, 75 cents net. Postpaid, 80 cents.

What Makes a Nation Great? By Frederick Lynch. Price, 75 cents net. Postpaid, 80 cents.

The Federal Council. The Record of the First Federal Council at Philadelphia, 1908. Edited by Elias B. Sanford, Honorary Secretary. 575 pages. Price, \$1.25 net. Postpaid, \$1.50.

Church Federation. The Story of Inter-Church Federation at Carnegie Hall, New York, in 1905; an Initial and Preparatory Session of the Federal Council. Edited by Elias B. Sanford, Honorary Secretary. 700 pages. Price, \$1.50 net. Postpaid, \$1.75.

The Social Creed of the Churches. By Harry F. Ward, Associate Secretary of the Federal Council Commission on the Church and Social Service. Price, 50 cents net. Postpaid, 60 cents. 2d revised edition.

The Gospel of Labor. By Charles Stelzle. Price, 10 cents.

Proceedings of the Second Quadrennial Council of 1912, to accompany the volume Christian Unity at Work.

Pamphlet Literature.

Report of the Commission on the Church and Social Service.

The Church and Modern Industry.

The South Bethlehem Industrial Investigation.

The Muscatine Industrial Investigation.

The Church's Appeal in Behalf of Labor.

A Plan of Social Work for the United Churches.

Suggestions for Labor Sunday.

Labor Sunday Program.

Social Service Catechism.

Reading Lists on Social Questions.

Bibliography, The Study of Social and Industrial Questions.

Report of Committee on Correspondence regarding Second Quadrennial.

Platform of Social Principles.

Model Constitution for a County or City Federation.

How to Organize a Church Federation.

Co-operation in the Development of the Home Field.

Christian Nurture and Religious Education.

Co-operation among Christian Forces on the Foreign Field.

Report of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council to Constituent Bodies.

Continuous Toil and Continuous Toilers, or One Day in Seven for Industrial Workers.

How We Work Together in Town and Country.

The Federal Council; Its Organization and Its Work.

The Secretary is now editing several new publications to appear the first of the year, including a "Community Study," and Rev. H. K. Carroll is preparing "Statistics of Religious Bodies for 1913."

Several memorials in addition to those which have been acted upon by the Administrative Committee are submitted with this report on behalf of the agencies which have requested their conveyance.

The wise and thoughtful service of the denominational leaders who are the officers of the Council; the time and care which they have given to its work; the catholic spirit of the great majority of the constituent denominations and their desire to adjust their forces in the interest of the common and united work of the Churches of Christ in America have resulted in a year of steady, increasing and at least normal progress. The Secretary has found it possible to keep in constant touch with the Administrative Committee, and in the administration of his work has sought continuously to express the judgment and do the will of the committee and the churches which it represents.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed.)

CHARLES S. MACFARLAND,

Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
of the
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of the
**Federal Council of the Churches
of Christ in America**

**Young Men's Christian Association Building
Baltimore, Md., December 3rd-5th, 1913**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3d, 1913, 2 P. M.

Rev. Frank Mason North, Chairman, presiding.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Frank M. Thomas.

The roll was called by the Recording Secretary, Rev. Rivington D. Lord, and the following responded:

Members by Virtue of Section IX of the Constitution.

Rev. Frank Mason North.

Rev. Howard B. Grose.

Rev. Rivington D. Lord.

Prof. Shailer Mathews.

Rev. William H. Roberts.

Members by Election, Including Alternates Serving as Principals.

Baptist Churches, North.

Rev. Clarence A. Barbour.

James S. Dickerson.

Rev. Howard B. Grose.

Rev. Albert G. Lawson.

Free Baptist Churches.

Rev. Alfred Williams Anthony.

Christian Church.

Rev. O. W. Powers.

Rev. Martyn Summerbell.

Congregational Churches.

Rev. Oliver Huckel—Alternate.

Disciples of Christ.

Rev. Peter Ainslie.

President F. D. Kershner.

Rev. S. S. Lappin.

W. P. Lipscomb.

Rev. E. B. Bagby—Alternate.

German Evangelical Synod of North America.

Rev. C. W. Locher—Alternate.

Evangelical Association.

Rev. Henry Heine—Alternate.

Lutheran Church, General Synod.

President William A. Granville.

Mennonite Church.

Rev. S. K. Mosiman.

Rev. A. S. Shelly.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. H. K. Carroll.

Bishop Earl Cranston.

Rev. William I. Haven.

Bishop W. F. McDowell.

Rev. Frank Mason North.

Rev. Thomas Nicholson—Alternate.

Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Rev. Frank M. Thomas.

Rev. W. F. Tillett.

African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Bishop B. F. Lee.

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

Rev. H. J. Callis.

Bishop Alexander Walters.

Methodist Protestant Church.

President H. L. Elderdice—Alternate.

Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

W. H. Scott.

Rev. Henry C. Minton—Alternate.

Rev. Wallace Radcliffe—Alternate.

Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (South).

Rev. W. S. Jacobs.

C. P. Janney.

Protestant Episcopal Church.

Commissions on Christian Unity and Social Service.

Robert H. Gardiner.

Rt. Rev. Ethelbert Talbot.

John M. Glenn.

William F. Cochran—Alternate.

Reformed Church in America.

Rev. Jesse Brooks.

Rev. Ame Vennema.

Reformed Church in the U. S.

Rev. Rufus W. Miller.

Rev. C. J. Musser.

Reformed Episcopal Church.

Rt. Rev. Samuel Fallows.

Rev. Duane Wevill—Alternate.

Reformed Presbyterian Church, General Synod.

President David McKinney.

Seventh Day Baptist Church.

William C. Hubbard.

Rev. Arthur E. Main.

United Brethren Church.

F. P. Geib.

United Evangelical Church.

Bishop U. F. Swengel.

United Presbyterian Church.

Rev. James E. Walker.

Secretaries.

Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, Secretary of the Council.

Rev. H. K. Carroll, Associate Secretary.

Rev. Frederick Lynch, Secretary of the Commission on Peace and Arbitration.

Rev. H. H. Meyer, Secretary of the Commission on Religious Education.

Rev. E. M. McConoughey, Assistant to the Secretary.

The following Corresponding Members were present:

Members of the Commission on Foreign Missions.

Rev. Sidney L. Gulick, Kyoto, Japan.

Rev. Fred C. Klein, Baltimore, Md.

Members of the Commission on Home Missions.

Rev. J. S. Bowers, Baltimore, Md.

Rev. A. S. Hartman, Baltimore, Md.

Members of the Commission on Religious Education.

F. M. Braselman, Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. Charles D. Bulla, Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. Henry F. Cope, Chicago, Ill.
Rev. Henry C. Culbertson, Emporia, Kan.
Rev. David G. Downey, New York, N. Y.
Rev. A. E. Gobble, Myerstown, Pa.
Rev. C. A. Hauser, Philadelphia, Pa.
Prof. James McConoughy, Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. George P. Mains, New York, N. Y.
Rev. Henry H. Meyer, New York, N. Y.
President C. S. Nash, Berkeley, Cal.
Rev. Samuel Semple, Titusville, Pa.
Prof. W. J. Thompson, Madison, N. J.

Members of the Commission on the Church and Social Service.

Rev. Henry A. Atkinson, Boston, Mass.
Rev. Samuel Z. Batten, Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. Frank M. Crouch, New York City.
Miss Louise Holmquist, New York City.
Prof. James R. Howerton, Lexington, Va.
Rev. William E. Lampe, Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. J. E. McCulloch, Nashville, Tenn.
A. J. McKelway, Washington, D. C.

Members of the Commission on Family Life.

Rev. A. S. Carman, Marietta, O.
Rev. A. W. Lightbourne, Dover, Del.

Members of the Commission on Sunday Observance.

Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts, Washington, D. C.
George A. Gaither, Baltimore, Md.
Rev. Harris E. Kirk, Baltimore, Md.
Joshya Levering, Baltimore, Md.
W. A. Packham, Baltimore, Md.
W. A. Tottle, Baltimore, Md.

Members of the Commission on Evangelism.

Rev. Charles H. Dodd, Germantown, Pa.
Charles W. Dorsey, Baltimore, Md.
Rev. Robert H. Fleming, Hillsdale, Md.
James E. Ingram, Baltimore, Md.
Rev. James C. Martin, Baltimore, Md.

Members of the Commission on State and Local Federations.

Rev. Clair E. Ames, St. Louis, Mo.

A. W. McAlister, Greensboro, N. C.

Prof. William North Rice, Middletown, Conn.

Rev. E. R. Wright, Cleveland, O.

The Recording Secretary presented the agenda for the sessions of the Executive Committee which was adopted.

The Recording Secretary announced the appointment of Rev. Rufus W. Miller and Rev. Martin Summerbell as the Assistant Recording Secretaries for this session of the Executive Committee.

Rev. Duane Wevill, on behalf of the local Committee, made an address of welcome and stated that provision had been made for the entertainment of the Executive Committee.

Voted; that it is the judgment of the Executive Committee that the Committee has no authority to receive as delegates with voting privileges any persons except such as have been officially appointed as regular delegates or alternates by their constituent bodies, or by the delegations when authorized so to do.

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on September 18th, 1913, were read and approved.

The following report of the Administrative Committee was presented by the Recording Secretary:

Report of Administrative Committee.

Since the last meeting of the Executive Committee, held on September 18, 1913, the following meetings of the Administrative Committee have been held: October 15, November 20 and December 3.

"In each case a written report of the secretary was presented. The following matters of importance have been considered and acted upon.

"October 15—It was voted to acknowledge the receipt of the letter of withdrawal from the Council by the Primitive Methodists of America, and that this matter be referred to Secretary Macfarland, instructing him to get into communication with the proper officials, looking to the restoration of their relations to the Federal Council.

"The Treasurer presented his report for the month ending September 30th. Mr. Kimball also reported having seen recently the honorary secretary, Rev. E. B. Sanford and that he found him much improved. The greetings of the Committee were sent to Dr. Sanford.

"November 10th—The Secretary was asked to prepare a list of names for nomination as members of the Commission on Interdenominational movements. It was voted in relation to a request from Robert E. Speer concerning the matter of topics for the week of prayer formerly issued by the Evangelical Alliance that the whole matter for the coming year be referred to the Evangelical Alliance. George W. Bailey, M.D., of Philadelphia, was elected a member of the Executive Committee representing the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. The treasurer's report for ten months was presented.

"December 3d—It was voted that the Administrative Committee report to the Executive Committee that it does not regard itself as the business committee of the Executive Committee, during its sessions unless it is authorized so to act. It was voted to recommend that the by-laws and rules of order of the Federal Council be the by-laws and rules of order of the Executive Committee during this session. The Agenda as presented was adopted to be recommended to the Executive Committee.

"It was voted that the secretary be requested to bring to the Executive Committee for consideration the matter of the week of prayer in its relation to the Evangelical Alliance and that the whole subject be referred to the Administrative Committee."

Dr. Macfarland presented his report as Secretary of the Council. Voted to receive the same and that the several items calling for consideration be referred to the Business Committee. (See page 3.)

The report of Alfred R. Kimball, Treasurer of the Federal Council, was read by the Recording Secretary. (See page 82.)

Voted that the report be received and referred to the Recording Secretary for audit.

Voted that the hours for the sessions of the Executive Committee be fixed as follows: Morning session 9:30 to noon; afternoon session, two to five; evening session, eight to ten.

Voted that Thursday morning be given to meetings of the several Commissions and the Business Committee.

A recommendation concerning the increase of the number of chaplains in the navy was presented and referred to the Business Committee.

Bishop Cranston presented a communication from Henry W. Blair, regarding national aid and larger educational opportunities. The communication was referred to the Business Committee.

The recommendation of the Federal Council relative to a meeting of the Council in 1914 was considered.

Voted that a special committee of seven be appointed to consider the question of a meeting of the Council in 1914 to report back to this meeting. The Chair appointed the following Committee: Rev. William H. Roberts, Prof. Shailer Mathews, Rev. W. F. Tillett, Bishop W. F. McDowell, Rt. Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, Rt. Rev. Samuel Fallows, Rev. W. S. Jacobs.

The recommendation of the Federal Council concerning amendments to the Constitution and By-laws was referred to the Business Committee.

A number of overtures on various subjects were presented and referred to the Business Committee.

Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, of Washington, D. C., presented the following report of a special committee with reference to the public worship of students at the naval academy at Annapolis, Md., and the result of his interview with the Secretary of the Navy.

"The Washington Branch of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council would report:

"That the Secretary of the Federal Council, Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, transmitted to us a letter from the pastor of the Baptist church of Annapolis, Md., requesting an investigation and action. The letter was a complaint that students of U. S. Naval Academy being Roman Catholics were permitted to attend church service at other than the chapel of the Naval Academy, which privilege was denied to all others. The committee conferred with the Secretary of the Navy Department.

"It appears that the superintendent of the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., has in force an order requiring all students to attend Sabbath worship in the chapel unless they can state in writing that they cannot conscientiously do so. The Roman Catholic students make that statement. The others cannot do so, and whatever may be their preference or desire, must be denied the privilege of attending any other service.

"The Secretary stated:

1. "That he believed that ordinarily all the students should be required to attend the Sabbath service in the chapel of the Naval Academy.

2. "That if any special privileges are to be given they should be distributed impartially.

3. "That any such privilege if given should be upon the conscientious request not of the student but of the parent.

4. "That the rule as at present instituted and administered is unjust and that he would use his influence to have said rule amended so as to administer justice to all."

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) WALLACE RADCLIFFE,
For the Committee.

Voted that the report be received and approved and that Dr. Radcliffe be requested to present the action of the Executive Committee to the Secretary of the Navy with the assurance of the warm appreciation of the Council.

Dr. Haven, Chairman of the Special Committee on the Nomination of an Associate Secretary to be located at Washington, D. C., read extracts from the Minutes of the Executive Committee relative to this subject and recommended the election of Rev. H. K. Carroll as Associate Secretary, provided the Home Missions Council concur in his election.

Voted to receive the report and Dr. Carroll was unanimously elected Associate Secretary with the understanding that his election be confirmed by the Home Missions Council.

Dr. Carroll was called upon and expressed his high appreci-

ation of the honor conferred and his willingness to accept the office.

Voted that the salary of the Associate Secretary be fixed at \$3,500 for the first year and necessary expenses, provided the Home Missions Council concur.

Dr. Haven stated that it was understood that the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church would pay \$1,000 of the salary and the Home Missions Council \$1,500.

The recommendation of the Federal Council relative to the election of new members was referred to the Business Committee.

The report of the Commission on Evangelism was presented by its Chairman, Rev. William H. Roberts. (See page 85.)

Voted that the report be received and approved.

By invitation of the Committee, Rev. Sydney L. Gulick, of Japan, spoke on the problems arising between the Orient and the Occident.

The report of the "Joint Commission of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and the Conference of Representatives of Theological Seminaries," was read by the Recording Secretary. Pending the consideration of a motion to accept the report, the following resolution was by common consent, presented by Dr. Anthony and referred to the Business Committee:

"In order to co-ordinate the work of the various parts of the Federal Council, as represented in its various commissions, it is recommended to have the budgets of the several commissions subject to the supervision and control of the Executive Committee and appear on the books of the Treasurer of the Federal Council."

After various announcements the Committee voted to take a recess until 8 P. M.

The closing prayer was offered by Bishop Fallows.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3d, 8 P. M.

The Executive Committee was called to order by the Chairman.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Bishop U. F. Swengel.

It was voted to close the evening session at ten o'clock.

The report of the Joint Commission on Theological Seminaries was then taken up and discussed at length, it appearing that exception was taken to certain statements as well as to some of the phraseology of the report. The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the report be returned to the Commission, expressing our approval of the general trend of the report and conveying through Secretary Macfarland, to the Commission the comments on the form of the report as brought out by the discussion."

Dr. Macfarland presented the report of the Committee on the Panama-Pacific Exposition which was adopted. (See page 70.)

The Business Committee presented the following report which was adopted.

"Resolved, That the Secretary of the Council be instructed to continue the securing of memorials from constituent bodies and local conferences and the forwarding of them to the mayor of San Francisco and the Panama Exposition authorities, urging the necessity for maintaining the high moral tone which we are assured by these officials is being sought by them by constant and watchful action to prevent the misuse of the occasion by commercialized iniquity."

"We recommend that the recommendation of the Secretary regarding a World's Congress be referred to the Administrative Committee."

"That the matter of national aid to education be referred to the Commission on Religious Education."

"That the matter of amendments to the constitution and by-laws be referred to the Administrative Committee to report to the next meeting of the Executive Committee."

"That the overture on special Sundays submitted by the committee of social organizations and the whole subject be referred to the Administrative Committee."

"We recommend that the Chairmen of the Commissions on Peace and Arbitration and on Foreign Missions be requested to appoint nine members of their respective Commissions, who, together with them, will act with the Administrative Committee as a preliminary Commission to consider the overtures from the missionaries in Japan and make a report to the Executive Committee."

The Business Committee offered the following report and resolution, which were adopted:

"The Executive Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America desires to place on record its high appreciation of the work and influence of the Evangelical Alliance in inspiring the spirit of Christian unity and developing closer relations between the churches of our land and the world. It gratefully remembers the splendid leadership of the sainted William E. Dodge, for many years its president, and the tireless labors of Rev. Philip Schaff, the prophet and pioneer of Christian unity, who crossed the seas many times to bring together that memorable and significant meeting of the Evangelical Alliance held in New York City in 1873. Many of the leading pastors and laymen of New York City for years maintained the Evangelical Alliance, and they deserve the hearty thanks of the American churches."

"Resolved, That the Administrative Committee be directed to confer with the officers of the Evangelical Alliance to consider the question of the Week of Prayer and possible plans of co-operation with a view to perpetuating and enlarging the influence which the Evangelical Al-

liance has exerted, and that power be given to the committee to assume for the Federal Council such responsibilities as in its discretion the committee may think proper."

Dr. Roberts presented the report of the Committee on Statement of Principles and Functions of the Federal Council which was adopted. (See page 66.)

Voted that this statement of principles be given to the denominational papers with the request that they publish the same.

Voted that a committee of three on Credentials and Traveling Expenses of the Members of the Executive Committee be appointed by the Chairman. The Chairman appointed the following Committee: Drs. Lawson, Main, and Mosiman.

Dr. Roberts presented the following report of the special committee on the late Louis H. Severance, a member of the Executive Committee, which was adopted by a rising vote:

"The Executive Committee places on record its deep sense of loss in the death of Mr. Louis H. Severance, a representative of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. Mr. Severance was a member of the Conference on Interchurch Federation, New York City, 1905, which organized the Federal Council; and also of the First Federal Council, Philadelphia, Pa., 1908. His service on the Executive Committee covered the years of its existence to the date of his departure from earth. His interest in every movement for the closer relations of the Churches of Christ in America, was always notable, and was sustained by personal service as well as by financial support. We rejoice in the general appreciation of his life and work, not only in his own denomination, but also in other Churches, and acknowledge with heartfelt gratitude his earnest and unflinching service to the Federal Council and its agencies. His career merits the plaudit 'Servant of God, well done'."

Voted to take a recess until Thursday at 2 P. M.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 2 P. M.

The Executive Committee was called to order by the Chairman.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. O. W. Powers.

The minutes of the sessions of December 3rd were read and approved.

Dr. Macfarland introduced W. H. Morriss, the Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Baltimore, Md., who presented the greetings of the Association.

Dr. Lawson, the acting Chairman of the Business Committee, presented Dr. Main who made a statement relative to the

Seventh Day Baptists and especially their approval of the principles of the Federal Council.

Rev. G. Livingston Bayard, United States Naval Chaplain, was presented and made an address concerning the work of the chaplains in the United States navy, especially emphasizing the need of an increase in the number of chaplains.

The Business Committee presented the following recommendations which were adopted:

"We recommend the endorsement of the bill drawn by the Rev. G. Livingston Bayard, chaplain in the Navy, and we urge upon the members of the Executive Committee the importance of writing, at once, to their senators and representatives upon this subject.

"We request our Secretary, our Washington Advisory Committee, and the chairman of the Commission on Evangelism to wait upon the President, upon the Secretary of the Navy and upon the committees of congress on naval affairs at the earliest day practicable in the interest of legislation upon this matter.

"That it is the sense of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council that the number of chaplains named in the bill drawn by Chaplain Bayard should not be reduced, and that such welfare secretaries as may be required should be provided in addition to the proposed one chaplain for every one thousand men."

Secretary Macfarland presented Miss Louise Holmquist, Secretary of the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Associations, who made a pleasing address and expressed her gratification that the Young Women's Christian Associations could co-operate with the work of the Federal Council.

Voted that the Business Committee prepare a suitable resolution in response to the greetings of the Young Women's Christian Associations as presented by Miss Holmquist.

Dr. Roberts, Chairman of the special committee on the Commemoration of the 200th Anniversary of George Whitefield, presented the following report which was adopted:

To the Executive Committee of the Federal Council:

DEAR BRETHREN:

"The Committee appointed upon the subject of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the birth of George Whitefield respectfully presents its report as follows:

"It is appropriate to present concisely certain features of the life of Whitefield. He was born at Gloucester, England, December 16, 1714, and died at Newburyport, Mass., September 30, 1770. Entering Pembroke College, Oxford University, he became associated there with the Wesleys, joined the Holy Club, and was the first of the members to profess conversion. He co-operated at first with the Wesleys both in Great Britain and America in evangelistic work, but differing from them doctrinally, he withdrew from their company about 1740, but the friendship between them never ceased. As an evangelist he laid great stress in his preaching upon the doctrines of the new birth, of

justification by faith, and of sovereign grace. His first notable evangelistic mission was conducted at Bristol, England, where his audience numbered from 10,000 to 20,000, and where he initiated open-air preaching services. His labors were characterized by unabated zeal and efficiency and he often preached forty to sixty hours in a week. From 1744 to 1748 he was in America, and was instrumental in promoting to a remarkable degree the cause of evangelical religion in the Colonies. In England his chief friend was Lady Huntington, who made him one of her Chaplains, and built and endowed Chapels for him in many places. His visits to the American Colonies were seven in number, and his relations were most intimate with the Presbyterians. He founded the Old South Church at Newburyport, Mass., as a Presbyterian Church, and is buried in the edifice. It is said of him that, 'his confidence in his doctrines was absolute, his sincerity unquestionable, his courage unchecked by thoughts of self, his evangelical zeal as firm and fiery as that of any primitive apostle, his voice a marvelous organ, and his temperament sympathetic, impetuous and ardent.' The combination of these qualities made him the most magnetic and powerful preacher of the eighteenth century. Though no denomination bears his name, his converts were tens of thousands and his memory is cherished by millions.

"John Wesley, when preaching Whitefield's Memorial Sermon at the Tabernacle, London, on Nov. 18, 1770, thus referred to his friend's devoted ministry: 'I may close with observing what an honor it pleased God to put upon His faithful Servant, by allowing him to declare His everlasting Gospel in so many various countries, to such numbers of people and with so great an effect on so many of their precious souls. Have we read or heard of any person, since the Apostles, who testified the Gospel of the Grace of God through so wide a space, through so large a part of the habitable world? Have we read or heard of any person who called so many thousands, so many myriads of sinners to repentance? Above all have we read or heard of any person who has been a blessed instrument in the hand of God of bringing so many sinners "from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God?"'

"It is recommended that the whole subject of an appropriate commemoration of the life and work of this distinguished servant of Christ be referred to the Commission on Evangelism, with full power to act in its discretion.

(Signed)

WILLIAM H. ROBERTS,
CHARLES S. MACFARLAND."

Dr. Roberts, Chairman of the special committee of seven on the holding of a session of the Federal Council in 1914, submitted the following report which was adopted:

"Your committee to whom was referred the resolution of the Federal Council touching a meeting of the Council in 1914 respectfully reports the following resolutions:

1. "Resolved, That it does not seem feasible to hold a session of the Federal Council in 1914.
2. "Resolved, That a meeting of the Executive Committee be held in 1914, and if the way be clear in Atlanta, Ga.
3. "Resolved, That the Executive Committee and other authorized representatives of the Commissions of the Council and the repre-

representatives of the denominational agencies having charge of the work carried on by the respective Commissions be invited and urged to attend this meeting.

(Signed)

WILLIAM H. ROBERTS, *Chairman*,
SHAILER MATHEWS,
W. F. TILLET,
WILLIAM F. McDOWELL,
ETHELBERT TALBOT,
SAMUEL FALLOWS,
W. S. JACOBS, *Secretary*."

The Recording Secretary read a telegram of invitation from a Committee in Los Angeles, Cal., to hold the next session of the Federal Council at Los Angeles.

Voted that the Secretary be directed to acknowledge the invitation with thanks and that the subject of the place of the next meeting of the Federal Council be referred to the Administrative Committee.

A resolution on the organization of Commissions was referred to the Business Committee.

The Business Committee presented the following budget for 1914, which was adopted:

General Work of the National Office,	\$25,000
Commission on the Church and Social Service, ..	3,500
Committee on Church and Country Life,	5,000
Commission on Peace and Arbitration,	*
Commission on Temperance,	3,000
Commission on Evangelism,	5,000
With the understanding that all Commissions are to secure their own support.	

Estimated Income for General Work.

Denominational apportionments,	\$13,000
Individual contributions,	12,000

\$25,000

Special Income Provided.

Commission on the Church and Social Service, ..	\$3,500
Committee on Church and Country Life,	5,000
Commission on Peace and Arbitration,	*

Plans are reported by the Secretary, looking towards a substantial appropriation for the latter Commission.

The Business Committee presented the following recommendations, which were adopted:

"1. That the budgets of the several Commissions be and are subject to the supervision and control of the Executive Committee.

*Amount not yet determined.

"2. That all their accounts shall be incorporated in the report of the Treasurer of the Federal Council.

"3. That in appeals for funds the Commissions

- a. Use letterheads bearing the general title and officers' names of the Council as well as the names of the Commissions.
- b. Sign all appeals for funds with the names of the Chairman and Secretary of the Commissions.
- c. Provide that checks for the support of the Commissions be made payable to the Treasurer of the Federal Council or to the Treasurer of the Commission.

"4. We recommend that all reports and recommendations of the Commissions or Committees be approved by the Council, or by the Executive Committee, or by the Administrative Committee, before publication.

"5. That the Chairmen and Secretaries of the several Commissions be made advisory members of the Administrative Committee.

"6. That provision be made for a Finance Committee and the subject matter be referred to the Administrative Committee."

"7. That all letterheads and printed material of Commissions and Committees contain the heading of the Federal Council and the names of its officers.

Voted that the President of the Federal Council and the Chairman of the Executive Committee be a committee to send the greetings of the Executive Committee to Rev. E. B. Sanford, Honorary Secretary of the Council.

Voted that a Committee on Resolutions be appointed by the Chair. The Chairman appointed the following: J. S. Dickerson and Rev. Frederick Lynch.

Dr. North, Chairman of the Executive Committee, requested to be excused because of an imperative engagement in Chicago.

Voted to excuse Dr. North.

Rev. Howard B. Grose, Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee, took the Chair.

The Chairman announced the receipt of a telegram reporting the death of the daughter of Dr. Summerbell, one of the Assistant Recording Secretaries, and called upon Dr. Carroll to lead the Committee in a prayer of sympathy and comfort.

Dr. Carroll, Chairman of the Committee on the Anniversary of the Treaty of Ghent, presented a report which was adopted. (See page 77.)

Dr. Anthony, Chairman of the Commission on State and Local Federations, presented a report for the Commission. (See page 96.)

Voted to adopt the same.

Bishop Talbot addressed the Committee on the recent General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, especially concerning its action on the relation of the Protestant Episcopal Church to the Federal Council, and presented the following action of the General Convention:

"Resolved, That the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church hereby records its gratitude to Almighty God for the growing sympathy and closer relations between bodies of Christians, as evidenced by the 'Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America;' but the strong conviction of this Church is that the ideal of our Lord for His people is organic unity in one body; realizing, however, the desirability of Christian co-operation, where practicable, without the sacrifice of principle, this Convention expresses the opinion that the Commissions on Christian Unity and on Social Service may appoint representatives to take part in the Federal Council."

After various announcements the Committee voted to take a recess until Friday, December 5th, 9 A. M.

Closing prayer was offered by President Mathews.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 9 A. M.

The Executive Committee was called to order by the Vice-Chairman, Rev. Howard B. Grose.

Devotional exercises were conducted by C. P. Janney.

The Recording Secretary presented the following report of a special committee on Panama and the Philippines, which was adopted:

"WHEREAS, Certain correspondence has been received from the Rev. Carl H. Elliott, pastor of the Union Church at Cristobal, Canal Zone, concerning the unusual opportunity afforded for Christian work, especially among the Americans in the Canal Zone and requesting the Federal Council to take up the same, therefore be it,

"Resolved, That this correspondence be turned over to the Home Missions Council requesting it, after consultation with any foreign missions board or boards carrying on mission work in the Canal Zone, to take such action as it may deem wise.

"WHEREAS, Certain correspondence has been received from Judge Charles S. Lobingier of Manila concerning Christian work in Manila, therefore be it,

"Resolved, That this correspondence be sent to the Secretary of the Foreign Missions Boards of the United States and Canada, requesting him to present the same at the next annual meeting of the Boards to be held in January, 1914, for their consideration and action."

The Business Committee presented the following report on Plan of Organization and Work, which was adopted:

"1. Resolved, That the Commissions be directed to prepare a Plan of Organization and Work in harmony with the By-laws of the Council and in general similar to the Plan of the Commission on Evangelism, approved by the Federal Council, in 1912 (Christian Unity at Work, p. 155), and that the plans be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval.

"2. Resolved, That Commissions are expected to report chiefly upon matters specified in their plans, or referred to them by the Executive Committee, or the Council.

"3. *Resolved*, That the Administrative Committee take steps to codify the regulations applicable to the various Commissions."

Also the following resolution in response to the address of Miss Holmquist, which was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Executive Committee most gratefully appreciates the co-operation of the Young Women's Christian Associations and we look forward to a more effective service in the extension of such work as may be participated in by both of our bodies."

The following recommendation was adopted:

"That the Administrative Committee determine the question as to the nature of the regular annual meetings of the Executive Committee relative to the matter of open sessions, especially as to whether or not the closed sessions of the Business Committee may be considered as adequately safeguarding the interests involved and to make such arrangements as shall secure an effective publicity."

The following resolution on a call to prayer was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the President of the Federal Council, together with Secretary Macfarland and the Chairman of the Executive Committee, be requested to issue a call to the churches represented in the Federal Council to give themselves to special prayer for the outpouring of the spirit of God upon all Christian churches, and especially upon all efforts to bring the unsaved to a personal experience of Christ as Saviour and Lord."

The following report of the Commission on the Church and Social Service, owing to the absence of the Chairman, was presented by Rev. Frank M. Crouch:

"WHEREAS, The present admirable social platform of the Federal Council, adopted in Chicago in 1912, deals mainly with the problems of industry; and

"WHEREAS, Other phases of the total social problem besides industry, viz.: country life, immigration, social waste—are pressing on the attention of the church and society; therefore be it,

"1. *Resolved*, That this Commission be instructed to report to the Executive Committee suggestions touching the present social platform of the Council, giving especial attention to the spiritual basis of social service and formulating the Christian spirit on such other matters as may appear desirable.

2. *Resolved*, In view of the various national measures bearing on social progress already enacted and proposed that the Social Service Commission take steps to prepare a digest of Federal social legislation, and to co-ordinate the different measures of social legislation that are proposed for enactment.

3. *Resolved*, That the Executive Committee be requested to appoint an Associate Secretary, whose time shall be devoted to the work

of the Commission on the Church and Social Service, as soon as the resources available for the Commission make such action possible.

Special Committee.

SAMUEL Z. BATTEN,
GEORGE W. RICHARDS,
WILLIAM F. COCHRAN,
WILLIAM LAMPE,
LOUISE HOLMQUIST,
FRANK M. CROUCH,
HENRY A. ATKINSON."

Voted to receive the report of the Commission and that resolutions numbers one and two be adopted and that resolution number three be referred to the Administrative Committee with power.

The Committee on Credentials and Traveling Expenses presented its report which was adopted.

Rev. Peter Ainslie, Chairman of the Commission on Sunday Observance, made a verbal report of progress which was accepted.

Dean Tillett, Chairman of the Commission on Religious Education, presented a report which, after discussion and the reference with approval of item number three to the Administrative Committee, was adopted. (See page 93.)

Rev. Frank M. Thomas presented the following resolutions which were adopted:

"Be it resolved by this committee, the representatives of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, that we place on record

"First, our gratitude to Almighty God, that, though during the past year our nation has been involved in perplexing problems with other nations, we have thus far been preserved from that brutal and unholy solution of difficulties between intelligent nations—the arbitrament of the sword.

"Second, That we emphasize our unalterable belief in the brotherhood of all men, and that we deeply sympathize with every nation and people in their efforts to solve some of the problems which in one form or another confront all mankind.

"Third, That we commend the President of the United States and his administration for their efforts to adjust and solve some of the issues between us and other peoples in the spirit of Christian diplomacy.

"Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be given to the press and a copy transmitted through the representative of the Council in Washington to the President of the United States."

Dr. Dickerson, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, presented the following report which was adopted as a whole:

"The Committee on Resolutions desires to express on behalf of all who have been in attendance upon this meeting the sense of gratitude which all feel for the progress which has been made toward attainment of the ideals of the Federal Council.

"This meeting of the Executive Committee has been characterized by general unanimity in thought, and word, and action. It has been an example of the spirit of Christian unity which on a greater and more influential scale will, we believe, eventually dominate the churches of Christ in America.

"The numerous helpful agencies which have aided in securing this desirable spirit, and which have made this Baltimore meeting of the Executive Committee so delightfully memorable, this committee gladly recognizes; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That we extend thanks to the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Rev. Frank Mason North, for the admirable manner in which he has presided over the sessions of the committee.

"*Resolved*, That the Executive Committee feels that in the efficiency of the local committee of arrangements, this committee has been notably favored and for this efficiency and the spirit in which it has been manifested, the Executive Committee is most thankful.

"*Resolved*, That we express our appreciation to the churches, pastors, and citizens of Baltimore, for the charming hospitality extended to the members of the committee.

"*Resolved*, That the committee feels under special obligations to the directors of the Y. M. C. A. and its secretary, for the innumerable facilities furnished for the meetings of the committee,—the rooms and offices, and the many conveniences of the splendid Central Building.

"*Resolved*, That to the newspapers of Baltimore special thanks should be given for their co-operation in giving advance publicity to the affairs of the Council, and for their excellent reports of the meetings of the Committee."

(Signed)

J. SPENCER DICKERSON,
FREDERICK LYNCH."

Voted that the Recording Secretary be requested to convey to Dr. Summerbell, the Assistant Recording Secretary, the expression of sympathy ordered by the Executive Committee.

Voted to refer any unfinished items of business to the Administrative Committee with power.

The Minutes were referred to the Administrative Committee with power.

The Chairman called upon President Mathews and Secretary Macfarland who made appropriate closing addresses.

The closing prayer was offered by Rev. Clarence A. Barbour.

Voted to adjourn *sine die*.

(Signed.)

RIVINGTON D. LORD,
Recording Secretary.

SUPPLEMENTARY ACTION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE.

At subsequent meetings of the Administrative Committee of the Executive Committee the following supplementary actions were taken in accordance with instruction from the Executive Committee at its annual meeting:

1. Rev. Charles S. Macfarland was designated to direct the general administration of the Council to be in a relation of responsible leadership to all the affairs of the Council and its various departments.

2. Secretary Macfarland and Associate Secretary Carroll were instructed to nominate an Advisory Committee at Washington, D. C.

3. The following resolution was adopted:

"Voted that the Recording Secretary, Treasurer and any other members of the Administrative Committee who are members of the Home Missions Council take up with the Home Missions Council the matter of the adjustment of Dr. Carroll's salary, and the expenses of the office at Washington."

4. The following resolution was adopted:

"That in response to the recommendation of Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, the Chairman of the Commission on Peace and Arbitration; the Secretary of the Federal Council and the Secretary of the Commission on Peace and Arbitration be authorized to participate in negotiations relative to a worldwide movement for international peace, in association with the various church bodies of America and other nations, and to report the plans and progress of the movement to the Administrative Committee."

SUPPLEMENTARY ACTION OF THE HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL.

The Home Missions Council at its subsequent annual meeting took the following action:

"Resolved, That the Home Missions Council concur in the action of the Federal Council in electing Rev. H. K. Carroll as joint representative of the two Councils at Washington, D. C., the portion of his annual salary from the Home Missions Council to be \$1,500.
(Signed) WILLIAM T. DEMAREST, *Secretary.*"

Reports of Special Committees

Report of a Committee Appointed to Prepare a Statement of the Principles of the Federal Council, as Adopted by the Executive Committee at Baltimore, Md., December 4th, 1913

The Preamble of the original Plan of Federation reads as follows:

Original Plan of Federation.

"In the providence of God, the time has come when it seems fitting more fully to manifest the essential oneness of the Christian Churches of America, in Jesus Christ as their Divine Lord and Saviour, and to promote the spirit of fellowship, service and co-operation among them."

The Plan of Federation which became a part of the constitution includes the following statements:

"This Federal Council shall have no authority over the constituent bodies adhering to it; but its province shall be limited to the expression of its counsel and the recommending of a course of action in matters of common interest to the churches, local councils and individual Christians.

"It has no authority to draw up a common creed or form of government or of worship, or in any way to limit the full autonomy of the Christian bodies adhering to it.

"Any action to be taken by this Federal Council shall be by the general vote of its members. But in case one-third of the members present and voting request it, the vote shall be by the bodies represented, the members of each body voting separately; and action shall require the vote, not only of a majority of the members voting, but also of the bodies represented."

This Plan of Federation did not become operative until it had been submitted to all of the proposed constituent bodies and had been adopted by them.

Its Distinctive Character in Relation to the Denominations.

The difference between the Federal Council and organizations of similar general purpose which preceded it, is that it is not an individual or voluntary agency or simply an interdenominational fellowship, but it is a body officially constituted by the Churches.

Its differentiation from other movements looking towards unity is that it brings together the various denominations for union in service rather than in polity or doctrinal statement.

The original delegates to the Inter-Church Conference on Federation, which organized the Federal Council, felt that these limitations were necessary in order that such an organization might have adequate strength and momentum.

Its Representative Character.

The Federal Council is, therefore, the sum of all its parts. It is not an unrelated organization. Its function has been to express the will of its constituent bodies and not to legislate for them. Were this, however, to be construed as precluding the utterance of the voice of the churches upon matters in regard to which the consciousness and the conscience of Christianity are practically unanimous, the Federal Council would be shorn of the power given it by the constituent bodies when they adopted as one of its objects: "To secure a larger combined influence for the churches of Christ in all matters affecting the moral and social condition of the people, so as to promote the application of the law of Christ in every relation of human life."

Denominational Autonomy.

In the original Plan of Federation the autonomy of the constituent bodies is, however, wisely safeguarded. No action by the Federal Council, even though taken, as all its important actions have been taken, by the unanimous vote of the officially constituted delegates of the constituent bodies, can, by the terms of its constitution, be legally imposed upon those constituent bodies. Such action, by the terms of the constitution, goes back to the constituent bodies in the form of a recommendation for their action or ratification, which may either be assumed or definitely expressed.

It is, however, clearly the duty and the function of the Council to determine upon objects for such common action and to find appropriate expression of the consciousness and the conscience of the churches upon them.

Functions of the Council.

While the duties of the Council are thus, with these safeguards and limitations, to represent the churches upon important matters of common concern, and in the senses above indicated, to exercise a genuine leadership which recognizes the whole body of its constituency, the Council may not consider itself primarily as an independent entity, but rather as a common ground upon which the constituent bodies through their official delegates come together for co-operation.

Under this conception the Federal Council does not create new agencies to do the work of the churches, nor does it do the work of the denominations or the churches for them. Its policy is that of using the existing agencies, and this policy should be followed out with relation to the interdenominational movements which are recognized by the churches. In the main, however, these existing agencies are the constituent bodies themselves and their official boards and departments.

It is, therefore, the function of the Council, not so much to do things, as to get the denominational bodies and the interdenominational movements to do the work of the churches in co-operation. Here its function is not that of overseer and director, but that of an agency for the correlation and the co-ordination of existing forces and organizations, and so far as it may be permitted, it is to recommend, give guidance and point out the way.

Relation to Local Federative Agencies.

With relation to State and Local Federations the Plan of Federation distinctly, it is held by many, intended that the Federal Council should be the initiator, creator, inspirer, and so far as possible, the directing agency of such federations.

There is, however, no organic relation between the Federal Council and State and Local Federations, and it can assume no responsibility for the constituency of such federations or the form which they may take, or indeed any responsibility, except so far as they may carry out the principles and the policy of the Council.

Commissions.

These same principles of policy apply to the various Commissions appointed by the Council. They act always as agents of the Council and distinctly represent themselves as such. They also hold themselves as subject to the Executive Committee of the Council in accordance with the by-laws of the Council.

Like the Council itself, these Commissions, in relation to the denominational agencies regard themselves as the sum of all their parts.

The Council thus seeks to find the will of the constituent bodies and their departments and to interpret and express it in common terms. The Council then aims to secure the doing of the will and conscience of the constituent bodies by common and united action.

The co-operation implied in the fellowship of the Federal Council does not require any one of the constituent bodies to participate in such co-operative movements as may not be approved by it or for which its methods of organization and work may not be adapted.

As your Committee review the history of the Council and the actions of the Council, its Executive Committee, its Commissions and its national office, we find that to a remarkable degree these principles have been closely followed in a way that has brought about effective utterance and action without division or disintegration, and we heartily commend in these respects the administration of the Council, its Committees and its Executive Administration.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK MASON NORTH.

WILLIAM I. HAVEN.

SHAILER MATHEWS.

GEORGE WARREN BROWN.

WILLIAM H. ROBERTS.

WILLIAM H. SCOTT.

CHARLES S. MACFARLAND.

Committee.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS
ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE
PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION; TO
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
DECEMBER 4, 1913.**

Your committee by instruction of the Executive Committee, was appointed by the Administrative Committee and has proceeded as follows:

Your committee made the following report to the Executive Committee January 13th.

"The Special Committee appointed by the Administrative Committee held conference with Secretaries Shipp and Whitmore of the Religious Work Department of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations, relative to co-operative work in connection with the Panama Exposition.

"Your Committee learned that while the matter had been under some consideration by the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations, no definite action had been taken.

"Indeed, so far as can be learned, no such action has been taken by any organization or movement.

"By common consent of the conference above referred to, the Secretary has sent out the following letter of inquiry:

"The Quadrennial Session of the Federal Council at Chicago received and referred to the Executive Committee several memorials from the Pacific Coast relative to religious work in connection with the Panama Exposition in 1915.

"A Committee consisting of Rev. Frank Mason North, Rev. William I. Haven and the Secretary, has been appointed by the Executive Committee of the Federal Council to approach the following organizations and movements and any others that should appropriately be included, with regard to this matter:

The International Committee of the Y. M. C. A.'s.
The National Board of the Y. W. C. A.'s.
The Foreign Mission Boards.
The Home Missions Council.
The Missionary Education Movement.
The American Tract Society.
The American Bible Society.
The Laymen's Missionary Movement.
The International Sunday School Association.
The Sunday School Council of Evangelical Churches.

"I write on behalf of this Committee to ask if you would be willing to send representatives of the ———, to any number that you may choose to a preliminary conference to be held Wednesday, January 29th, at 2 P. M., at the building of the International Committee, 124 East Twenty-eighth Street, New York, to take counsel as to whether or not it may be advisable to undertake some common or co-operative movement in connection with the Exposition."

"This letter has been sent to the Secretaries of the following organizations:

The International Committee of the Y. M. C. A.'s.
 The National Board of the Y. W. C. A.'s.
 The Foreign Missions Boards.
 The Home Missions Council.
 The Missionary Education Movement.
 The American Tract Society.
 The American Bible Society.
 The Laymen's Missionary Movement.
 The International Sunday school Association.
 The Sunday school Council of Evangelical Churches."

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

FRANK MASON NORTH
 WILLIAM I. HAVEN
 CHARLES S. MACFARLAND.

Following this action a conference of representatives of interdenominational movements was held at the International Y. M. C. A., January 29, 1913. The minutes of this meeting were as follows:

"The conference was called to order at 2:15 P. M. by Charles S. Macfarland, Secretary of the Federal Council, who gave a statement of the procedure which had led up to the calling of the conference.

"The following representatives were present:

Miss Helen Davis, National Board, Y. W. C. A.

Miss Mary L. Allen, National Board, Y. W. C. A.

Miss Frances Gage, National Board, Y. W. C. A.

F. B. Shipp, International Committee, Y. M. C. A.

J. A. Whitmore, International Committee, Y. M. C. A.

Edgar MacNaughton, International Committee (Army and Navy Department.)

Rev. Frank Mason North, Conference of Foreign Mission Boards and Federal Council of Churches.

Rev. Judson Swift, American Tract Society.

Rev. William I. Haven, American Bible Society and Federal Council of Churches.

Charles V. Vickery, Missionary Education Movement.

Rev. George P. Mains, Sunday School Council of Evangelical Churches.

Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, Federal Council of Churches.

"On motion Rev. William I. Haven was elected Chairman and Rev. Charles S. Macfarland Secretary.

"The Secretary gave a somewhat full statement of the matter to be considered, especially regarding the way in which it had come to the Federal Council, and been acted upon by the Council.

"The Secretary presented a communication from the Secretary of the International Sunday School Association expressing sympathy with the conference.

"The representatives of the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Associations, reported that plans were under way, providing for a building on the grounds to be similar to the usual buildings of the Young Women's Christian Association, and to be used for the same purpose in the interest of the girls on the ground

"The building would contain an exhibit of the work of the Young Women's Christian Association.

"It was understood that inasmuch as this would probably be the only special building for women on the ground, it would be used for other appropriate purposes than those relating particularly to the Young Women's Christian Association.

"Representatives of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, reported that the Army and Navy Department had under way plans for its work in connection with visitors to the Exposition. The International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association had no other plans as yet, other than those relating to the Army and Navy Department. It was expected, however, that the matter would be taken up at the coming convention of the Associations.

"The American Tract Society had as yet taken no initiative but would expect to enter into its usual work of exhibition and distribution.

"The Sunday School Council of Evangelical Churches had no definite plans, the assumption being that it would enter into co-operation with any general plans that might be evolved.

"The Missionary Education Movement had as yet projected no plans, but was in readiness to co-operate with any general procedure; and would probably be prepared not only to carry out plans relative to a missionary exhibit, but also to enter into full co-operation with general plans for religious exhibits.

"The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America had been approached from several local and other sources and the recent Council at Chicago had taken favorable action looking toward general religious activities in connection with the Exposition, referring the matter to its Executive Committee. The Council was ready to serve, if desired, as the common ground upon which co-operation might be more readily attained.

"Upon motion it was

"*Voted*, That a Committee be appointed to be known as a Committee of investigation and correspondence, to learn as much as possible of the conditions in connection with the Exposition and to report at a later meeting of this body plans for an exhibit, and for general religious activities in connection with the Panama Exposition.

"*Voted*, That Miss Mary L. Allen, C. V. Vickrey, Fred B. Shipp, and Charles S. Macfarland be such a Committee.

"Adjourned at 4:15 P. M."

(Signed) CHARLES S. MACFARLAND, *Secretary of the Conference.*

The Special Committee mentioned in the above minutes performed its duties and the second conference of the Inter-denominational movements was held June 16th. The minutes of its meeting were as follows:

"The conference was called to order at the International Young Men's Christian Associations Building, New York, June 16, at 2:30 P. M., by Charles S. Macfarland, and Harry Wade Hicks was elected chairman.

"The sub-committee appointed at the previous conference, consisting of Miss Mary L. Allen, and Messrs. C. V. Vickrey, Fred B. Shipp, and Charles S. Macfarland, reported that a communication had been received from the San Francisco Federation of Churches proposing

that the Federal Council should secure the appointment of a committee of one hundred for the purpose of conducting a religious campaign in connection with the Panama Pacific Exposition.

"After receiving the complete explanatory report of the committee it was voted that its entire report be referred to the Federal Council for further procedure.

The conference adjourned at 4 p. m."

(Signed) CHARLES S. MACFARLAND, *Secretary of the Conference.*

President Shailer Mathews was then commissioned to interview the local bodies in and about San Francisco. In March he did so and also met the Exposition authorities. Shortly after this the following communication was received:

"At a conference held in San Francisco March 26th, 1913, at Hotel Stewart, in connection with a luncheon given in honor of Dr. Shailer Mathews, president of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, following full discussion in which workers from both interdenominational activities and church mission boards participated, it was

"*Voted*, That this body request the Commission of the Church Federation in San Francisco to join in requesting the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America to take steps towards the appointment of a Committee of One Hundred, one member of which shall be selected by each of the denominations in the state which is in affiliation with the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and one from other general and local religious organizations; this Committee to add to its number such as should be on this Committee up to one hundred; said Committee to have charge of all religious activities and missionary exhibits at the Panama-Pacific Exposition under the auspices of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America."

(Signed)

H. J. MCCOY, *Chairman,*

A. W. RIDER, *Secretary Pro Tem.*

As a result of this important service rendered by President Mathews an adjustment of the situation was effected and upon his subsequent recommendation the following action has been taken:

In compliance with the above request twenty-five representative members of such a Committee were appointed and were authorized to complete the Committee. The Secretary of the Council was then commissioned by your committee to go to the Pacific Coast and perfect the organization.

On October 13th, he met the original members who proceeded to complete their numbers and to prepare a program. He met with the various special committees and on October 21st, a meeting of the completed committee was held at which officers and committees were elected and the general report of the Program Committee was adopted, providing for a campaign to unite these religious activities of all forms, mission-

ary and religious exhibits and the holding of congresses and conventions.

The Committee of One Hundred proposes a broad program of religious activities within and outside the Exposition grounds, involving a carefully organized campaign of evangelism and social service, with platform meetings, religious surveys, specialized forms of work for boys and for girls, for men and for women, classes and meetings for immigrants and for specially unreached portions of the community, distribution of Scriptures, daily services for worship on the Exposition grounds, and a systematic training and supervision of volunteer workers along these various lines, making the whole enterprise an illustration and a demonstration of the church at work, according to approved modern methods, directing and shaping the lives of individuals and of a complex community.

The Committee requested the Secretary of the Federal Council to act in its behalf and to interview the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations relative to the carrying out of this part of its program, and the Executive Committee of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations is now in conference with our Secretary regarding this matter.

It was also planned that in the case of the special work for women proposed by the Young Women's Christian Association, it shall be included in the plans of the Committee of One Hundred, and this organization shall be commissioned to carry out such work on behalf of the churches represented.

The following program was adopted relative to the other departments:

"Religious Exhibits, largely within the Exposition grounds, in a special building, if expedient, where may be presented (1) the historical development of Protestant churches in the United States; (2) a general survey of their present status, through (a) denominational exhibits, (b) exhibits showing church distribution and the character of church work, its recognized departments, Sunday schools, young peoples' societies, etc., and its standards of efficiency, (c) exhibits of the agencies for extending the influence of the churches, Christian educational institutions, and organizations for carrying on missionary and church extension work in America and throughout the world (d) exhibits of the agencies for doing the social and reform work of the churches, church brotherhoods, church departments of labor and social service, Christian organizations for promoting international peace and temperance, (e) exhibits of the agencies for supplying the needs of the churches, training schools for the ministry and for other church work and for all forms of social service, publication agencies and societies which issue Bibles, Sunday school material and general religious literature, and (3) a review of interdenominational movements and tendencies in the development of the churches, in-

cluding federations of churches, federations of organizations for doing the missionary or reform work of the churches and the many organizations, Christian in spirit co-operating with the churches but not directly connected with any other church, or organization of churches.

"Inasmuch as the Missionary Education Movement is organized and administered by official representatives of the churches of America in part for the purpose of religious exhibit work, this organization shall be asked to assume the general direction of the religious exhibits and to secure financial support for the same from the various institutions and organizations and is chosen for placing definite responsibility on the various co-operating organizations and unifying their work.

"Religious conventions, in Exposition Assembly Hall and other places, including national and international, denominational and interdenominational meetings as far as they can be secured during the whole period of the Exposition. We would respectfully suggest to the Federal Council that they consider the advisability of calling a general conference of all Protestant Christians from all parts of the world to consider the program of the church of to-day, this conference to be called by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and to be for the work of the churches as a whole what the Edinburgh Conference was for the missionary work of the churches.

"The Federal Council shall be asked to invite such denominational and interdenominational meetings, to co-operate with the Committees in charge of such meetings as far as may be practicable, and issue a schedule of religious conventions for the Exposition period, and to take entire responsibility for the calling, program and general arrangements of the World Christian Conference.

"The securing of a special building on the Exposition grounds as a center of the religious activities and housing of religious exhibits shall be made the work of a special committee of the Committee of One Hundred, such building to be planned in connection with any other building for religious or social work.

"Such other specialized work as may not be covered by the above program may be included in the plans of the Committee of One Hundred and assigned to appropriate organizations under the general direction of this Committee."

In his negotiations with the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations our Secretary is now acting as the commissioner of the National Committee of One Hundred, and with the appointment of this Committee of One Hundred the Council's responsibility passed over to the Committee of One Hundred.

We, therefore, recommend that so far as the future co-operation of the Federal Council and its departments are concerned, this be referred to the Administrative Committee with the understanding that in accordance with the plans of the Committee of One Hundred the Federal Council Commission on Evangelism represent the Federal Council so far as the evangelistic work in connection with the campaign is concerned, and that the other Commissions of the Federal Council be delegated to co-operate in such work as may be appropriate to their several functions.

With this report your Committee requests that it be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed.)

FRANK MASON NORTH

WILLIAM I. HAVEN

CHARLES S. MACFARLAND

Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE TREATY OF GHENT.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council in December last, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Chairman to appoint a Committee of Eleven to organize a large Committee of a hundred or more representatives of all Protestant Churches, to co-operate in the celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the Ghent Treaty of Peace. The Committee of Eleven met under the auspices of the Peace Commission, and organized by the election of a Chairman and Secretary, and proceeded to form a Committee whose names are printed on pp. 24-27 of the pamphlet of the American Committee. The new Committee expects to begin active work with the beginning of the New Year. It consists as follows:

Committee Representing Evangelical Churches under the
auspices of the Federal Council.

Chairman—REV. H. K. CARROLL.

Secretary—REV. FREDERICK LYNCH.

Baptist—Northern Convention.

Rev. William C. Bitting, St. Louis, Mo.

Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougher, Los Angeles, Cal.

Pres. E. B. Bryan, Hamilton, N. Y.

Pres. W. H. P. Faunce, Providence, R. I.

Rev. Samuel H. Greene, Washington, D. C.

Charles E. Hughes, U. S. Supreme Court, Washington,
D. C.

Pres. Harry P. Judson, Chicago, Ill.

Rev. Albert G. Lawson, New York.

Baptist—Southern Convention.

J. Taylor Ellyson, Richmond, Va.

Rev. J. B. Gambrell, Dallas, Tex.

Eugene Levering, Baltimore, Md.

Pres. E. Y. Mullins, Louisville, Ky.

Fred M. Paxon, Atlanta, Ga.

Rev. R. H. Pitt, Richmond, Va.

Rev. E. M. Poteat, Greenville, S. C.

E. W. Stephens, Columbia, Mo.

Baptist—Free.

Rev. Rivington D. Lord, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Pres. J. W. Mauck, Hillsdale, Mich.

Baptist—Seventh Day.

Rev. Edwin Shaw, Plainfield, N. J.

Congregational Churches.

Simeon E. Baldwin, New Haven, Conn.

Samuel B. Capen, Boston, Mass.

W. Murray Crane, Dalton, Mass.

Rev. H. C. Herring, Boston, Mass.

Rev. Charles E. Jefferson, New York.

Rev. Frederick Lynch, New York.

Pres. William F. Slocum, Colorado Springs, Col.

Christian Connection.

Pres. D. A. Long, Merom, Ind.

Pres. P. W. McReynolds, Defiance, O.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. W. H. Brooks, New York.

George W. Brown, St. Louis, Mo.

Rev. H. K. Carroll, New York.

Chancellor James R. Day, Syracuse, N. Y.

Rev. George P. Eckman, New York.

E. R. Graham, Chicago, Ill.

Bishop J. W. Hamilton, Boston, Mass.

Pres. A. W. Harris, Evanston, Ill.

Bishop E. H. Hughes, San Francisco, Cal.

Rev. Charles B. Mitchell, Chicago, Ill.

Rev. Ward Platt, Philadelphia, Pa.

Prof. Henry Wade Rogers, New York City.

S. Earl Taylor, New York.

Rev. F. B. Upham, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Bishop Luther B. Wilson, New York.

Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Bishop W. A. Candler, Atlanta, Ga.

Bishop E. R. Hendrix, Kansas City, Mo.

Chancellor J. H. Kirkland, Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. J. W. Lee, St. Louis, Mo.

John R. Pepper, Memphis, Tenn.

Rev. F. J. Prettyman, Chaplain U. S. Senate.

Pres. H. N. Snyder, Spartansburg, S. C.

Bishop R. G. Waterhouse, Los Angeles, Cal.

Rev. W. J. Young, Richmond, Va.

Methodist Protestant.

Rev. F. T. Benson, Crisfield, Md.

Rev. F. T. Little, Baltimore, Md.

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

Bishop Alexander Walters, New York.

Moravian Church.

Rt. Rev. M. W. Leibert, New York.

Presbyterian Church in U. S. A. (Northern.)

Rev. Arthur J. Brown, New York.

Rev. Walter Laidlaw, New York.

Rev. M. A. Mathews, Seattle, Wash.

Rev. Samuel J. Niccolls, St. Louis, Mo.

Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, Washington, D. C.

Rev. William H. Roberts, Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. Charles L. Thompson, New York.

Presbyterian Church in U. S. (Southern.)

Rev. Russell Cecil, Richmond, Va.

Rev. J. Horace Lacy, Winchester, Va.

Disciples of Christ.

Rev. Peter Ainslie, Baltimore, Md.

Rev. J. H. Garrison, St. Louis, Mo.

Rev. J. H. Goldner, Cleveland, Ohio.

Rev. H. D. C. MacLachlan, Richmond, Va.

Rev. Carey E. Morgan, Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. Allen B. Philputt, Indianapolis, Ind.

Rev. Russel F. Thrapp, Los Angeles, Cal.

Rev. Earl Wilfley, Washington, D. C.

Evangelical Association.

Bishop Samuel P. Spreng, Naperville, Ind.

Rev. Fred W. Voegelein, Los Angeles, Cal.

Friends.

William C. Dennis, Washington, D. C.

Addison W. Naylor, Berkeley, Cal.

James Wood, Mt. Kisco, N. Y.

Lutheran—General Synod.

Prof. David Bauslin, Springfield, Ohio.

Rev. Ezra K. Bell, Baltimore, Md.

Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, New York.

Charles Unangst, New York.

Lutheran—General Council.

Pres. John A. W. Haas, Allentown, Pa.

William H. Hagar, Lancaster, Pa.

Rev. John J. Heischman, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Charles A. Schieren, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Lutheran—Synodical Conf.

Rev. C. Gausenwitz, Milwaukee, Wis.

Rev. Francis Pieper, St. Louis, Mo.

Rev. William Schoenfeldt, New York.

Lutheran United Synod, South.

Rev. J. A. Morehead, Salem, Va.

Lutheran—Ohio Synod.

Prof. George H. Schodde, Columbus, O.

Lutheran—Iowa Synod.

Prof. F. Richter, Clinton, Iowa.

Lutheran—United Norwegian Synod.

Rev. T. H. Dahl, Minneapolis, Minn.

Protestant Episcopal Church.

Rt. Rev. William Lawrence, Boston, Mass.

Rev. Frank M. Crouch, New York.

Rt. Rev. C. P. Anderson, Chicago, Ill.

H. D. W. English, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Rev. Charles K. Gilbert, New York.

John M. Glenn, New York.

Clinton Rogers Woodruff, Philadelphia, Pa.

Reformed Church in America.

Rev. David James Burrell, New York.

Reformed Church in U. S.

John W. Appel, Lancaster, Pa.

Rev. James I. Good, Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. George W. Richards, Lancaster, Pa.

Reformed Episcopal Church.

Rt. Rev. Robert L. Rudolph, New York.

United Brethren in Christ.

Bishop G. M. Mathews, Chicago, Ill.

Pres. M. R. Drury, Philomath, Oregon.

United Evangelical Church.

Bishop U. F. Swengel, Harrisburg, Pa.

United Presbyterian Church.

Rev. W. E. McCulloch, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Rev. W. I. Wishart, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Rev. Charles S. Macfarland is a member of the general American Committee, and also of its Executive Committee.

The following action is recommended:

"Whereas, the American Committee on the celebration of the completion of one hundred years of peace between Great Britain and the United States, since the signing of the Treaty of Ghent on Christmas Eve, 1814, has asked the co-operation of the Churches in the great and elaborate preparations in progress to make this event memorable in the relationship of nations, be it,

"Resolved, That the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, representing thirty denominations and many millions of churchmen, enter into the preparation of this anniversary celebration with the heartiest concord and that it urges the Committee already created to take such steps as may be necessary to secure the active participation of every church in the nation in this celebration, by the preaching of sermons, by exercises of the children, and by such other methods as may seem desirable.

"Resolved, Further that the Federal Council, while rejoicing over the hundred years of unbroken peace with Great Britain, and while calling attention to the fact that the two great countries of the United States and Canada with three thousand miles of boundary between them have been able to keep the peace without either fort or battleship, this body representing almost all the Evangelical Christians of the United States would urge that this century of peace be made lasting and be assured by the signing of a treaty of arbitration between Great Britain and the United States, agreeing that all disputes that may hereafter arise which cannot be settled by diplomacy shall be submitted to judicial decision by arbitration in the Christian spirit, and that the nations learn war no more."

(Signed.) H. K. CARROLL, *Chairman.*

Treasurer's Report for the Fiscal Year 1913

Payments.

Administration,	\$5,000 00
Stenographers and assistants,	3,664 02
Typewriting,	926 21
Office expenses,	1,538 02
Stationery,	1,112 24
Postage,	3,065 42
Rent,	950 04
Telephone and telegraph,	375 23
Furniture,	72 95
Library,	834 37

Printing:

Gray Book: Reports for use at 2nd Quadrennial,	\$551 40
Proceedings of 2nd Quad- rennial,	842 05
"Christian Unity" — Ad- dresses and Reports at 2nd Quadrennial,,	735 65
"Spiritual Culture and So- cial Service" (for sub- scribers),	323 75
General printing,	2,418 47
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	4,871 32
Traveling,	1,669 24
Incidentals,	502 19
Interest,	428 33

\$25,009 58

Executive Committee meeting at Balti- more (Delegates' expenses),	950 56
Honorary Secretary,	2,000 00

\$27,960 14

Office at Washington, D. C. (from December 1st),	183 02
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\$28,143 16

Commission on Peace and Arbitration,	2,952 26
Committee on Church and Country Life,	3,620 53

Total payments in 1913,\$34,715 95

Receipts.

Denominational apportionments,	\$11,361 95
Contributions from Churches,	818 17
Individual subscriptions for Federal Council,	8,883 15
Individual subscriptions for the Commission on the Church and Social Service,	2,936 78
Services of the secretary,	382 00
Literature,	437 75
Sale of "Christian Unity,"	338 05
Library,	750 00

\$25,907 85

Subscriptions for The Commission on Peace and Arbitration,	2,952 26
Subscriptions for The Committee on Church and Country Life,	3,620 53

Total receipts in 1913,\$32,480 64

Deficit for 1913,	2,235 31
Add the deficit January 1, 1913,	4,023 67

Total liabilities January 1, 1914, \$6,258 98

Assets.

The unpaid liabilities shown above amount to \$6,258.98. Against this there are assets consisting of denominational apportionments unpaid but guaranteed, which altogether amount to \$1,084. This will reduce the deficiency of the past year to about \$1,150—and the total to about \$5,100.

We also have a Permanent Fund of \$1,000.

The following are the denominational apportionments as announced for 1913 based as usual on the report of Secretary H. K. Carroll. The rate is at one dollar for each 1,000 of membership, together with the amounts received from each.

	<i>Mem'ship. Appor'm't.</i>		<i>Amount Received 1913.</i>
Baptist Churches, North,	1,175,923	\$1,176 00	\$300 00
National Baptist Convention (colored),	1,912,219	1,913 00
Free Baptist Churches,	65,440	66 00	71 00
Christian Church,	102,902	103 00	103 00
Congregational Churches,	742,350	743 00	750 00
Disciples of Christ,	1,340,887	1,341 00	1,144 00
Friends,	100,568	101 00	101 00
German Evangelical Synod of North America,	258,911	259 00	200 00
Evangelical Association,	110,134	111 00	111 00
Lutheran Church, General Synod,	316,949	317 00	317 00
Mennonite Church,	18,674	19 00	19 00
Methodist Episcopal Church,	3,293,526	3,294 00	2,833 33
Methodist Episcopal Church, South, ..	1,919,873	1,920 00	1,920 00
African Methodist Episcopal Church, ..	620,234	621 00	621 00
Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America,	547,216	548 00
Methodist Protestant Church,	234,721	235 00
Moravian Church,	183,318	184 00	184 00
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., ..	18,970	19 00	19 00
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (South),	1,368,150	1,369 00	1,350 00
Primitive Methodist Church,	292,845	293 00	300 00
Protestant Episcopal Church, Commis- sions on Christian Unity and Social Service,	7,114	8 00
Reformed Church in America,	970,451	971 00*
Reformed Church in the U. S.,	118,564	119 00	119 00
Reformed Episcopal Church,	300,147	301 00	301 00
Reformed Presbyterian Church, Gen- eral Synod,	10,400	11 00	25 00
Seventh Day Baptist Church,	9,213	10 00	10 00
United Brethren Church,	8,194	9 00	32 62
United Evangelical Church,	301,448	302 00	302 00
United Presbyterian Church,	74,732	75 00	75 00
Welsh Presbyterian Church,	139,617	140 00	140 00
	13,841	14 00	14 00
	16,577,531	\$16,592 00	\$11,361 95

The accounts have been audited by a certified public accountant.

ALFRED R. KIMBALL,

Treasurer.

*This amount has been met by special individual subscription.

Reports of Commissions.

COMMISSION ON EVANGELISM.

Report to the Executive Committee, Baltimore, Md.,
Dec. 4, 1913.

To the Executive Committee of the Federal Council,

DEAR BRETHREN:

It gives me pleasure herewith to submit to you the first Annual Report of the Commission on Evangelism, which held its first regular meeting in Atlantic City, N. J., September 16-17, 1913, and organized its work by the appointment of officers in addition to the Chairman. Under the rules of the Federal Council, the Chairman was appointed by the President of the Council. The other officers chosen were: Vice-Chairman, Rev. Joseph F. Berry, Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church; General Secretary, Rev. William E. Biederwolf, Secretary of the National Federated Evangelistic Committee; and the Recording Secretary, the Rev. C. E. Schaeffer, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the U. S.

In addition an Executive Committee was appointed, consisting of the following persons (arranged in alphabetical order):

<i>Church.</i>	<i>Member.</i>
Disciples,	Rev. Peter Ainslie, Baltimore, Md.
Congregationalist,	Rev. George L. Cady, Boston, Mass.
Lutheran,	Rev. Luther De Yoe, Philadelphia, Pa.
Baptist,	Rev. Charles H. Dodd, Philadelphia, Pa.
Presbyterian in the U. S.,	Rev. Richard Orme Flinn, Atlanta, Ga.
United Presbyterian,	Rev. R. A. Hutchison, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Moravian,	Rev. Bishop M. W. Leibert, New York.
Presbyterian in the U. S. A.	Rev. George G. Mahy, Philadelphia, Pa.
Methodist Episcopal South,	Rev. John M. Moore, Nashville, Tenn.
Reformed in U. S.,	Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer, Phila., Pa.
Protestant Episcopal,	Rt. Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, S. Bethlehem, Pa.
Reformed in America, ...	Rev. O. M. Voorhees, New York, N. Y.
Methodist Episcopal,	Rev. J. G. Wilson, Philadelphia, Pa.,

With the Chairman, Rev. W. H. Roberts, and the General Secretary of the Commission, Rev. W. E. Biederwolf.

A Committee on Finance is in process of being appointed and the full list of names will be announced later, the Chairman of the Committee being C. W. Dorsey, of Baltimore, Md.

The acting treasurer is the Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer, who can be addressed at the Reformed Church Building, Fifteenth and Race Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

It is expected that the office of the Commission will be located in the Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pa., and that it will be opened for business on Jan. 1, 1914.

One of the features of the meeting consisted of ten-minute reports by a representative of each of the denominations in the Federal Council. Twenty-one representatives reported personally for their Churches, and several who were unable to be present sent written reports or letters. All testified to the great and growing interest throughout the Churches in Evangelism, and the felt need that active systematic, and co-operative work should be undertaken by them all. The basis of the need was found to be not a sense of weakness or of failure in the present, but the realization that the resources of the Churches, both in men and means, which are greater in this twentieth century than ever before, were capable of a development and use which would result in great spiritual advances, made evident by the winning of souls, and in the increasing progress of the Kingdom of Christ.

The spirit of the meeting was admirable, and the manifest fellowship of Christians, which has been cultivated by the Association of the Churches in the Federal Council, was notable. The members of the Commission realized fully their responsibility for what Christians everywhere regard, as the "supreme mission" of the Church.

The General Secretary is carrying on correspondence with the Evangelistic Agencies of the several Churches, so far as appointed, and the next meeting of the Commission will be held in Philadelphia, Pa., April 24, 1914. By that time it is hoped that the work will be sufficiently organized. Meantime the prayers, sympathy and support of God's people, whatever their Church or denominational name, are earnestly and cordially requested.

(Signed.) WILLIAM H. ROBERTS, *Chairman.*

COMMISSION ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Minutes of Meetings.

1. Meeting of Nov. 13, 1913.

The Commission met on Thursday, November 13th, 1913, at 3 p. m. at 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Present: Reverends Bartholomew, Chamberlain, Fagg, Gullick, Haggard, Halsey, de Schweinitz, and Charles S. Macfarland, Secretary of the Federal Council; Messrs. White, Williams, and Speer, Chairman.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. Fagg.

The Chairman then outlined the purpose and possibilities of the Commission. Its policy might be to remain in its present state which is largely one of inertia, or to do even less than it is now doing, or to do more than is now being done.

In regard to making all the Foreign Mission organisms work unitedly, there are various obstacles. The following objections are some of those which came up in considering the union of the Foreign Missions Conference with the Federal Commission:

1. The Conference is international, whereas the Commission is national.

2. The Conference includes some denominations which are not in the Federal Council.

3. The Conference is autonomous, and wishes to remain so.

The Chairman suggested several possible methods of bridging between the Conference and the Commission. The Chairman then read the Policy which he had outlined in a letter written to the members of the Commission on Oct. 1, 1913. He then presented the following questions for general discussion:

1. What should be the relation between the Conference and the Commission?

2. What could the Commission really accomplish?

After full discussion the articles of the plan as outlined in the letter of the Chairman of October 1st were considered for formal action.

1. It shall be the policy of the Commission not to duplicate the work of the Annual Conference of Mission Boards and of the Committee on Reference and Counsel, and to look forward to the time when the foreign mission function of the Federal Council may be discharged through the Annual Conference of the Foreign Mission Boards.

2. It shall be the policy of the Commission to use whatever influence it may, as an agency of the Federal Council of

the Churches, to forward those movements of co-operation and unity which the Foreign Mission Boards are promoting, and in which they need the support of their Church constituencies.

3. It shall be the policy of the Commission to publish from time to time such bulletins or pamphlets as it may deem helpful to the mission cause and appropriate for it, in view of its character and relationships, to issue.

4. It shall be the policy of the Commission to keep before the Churches the attainments already made in foreign missionary work in federation, co-operation and unity, as a help to the Church at home in its consideration of the methods and possibilities of unity in the work of the church in the United States.

These were all carried unanimously.

It was also voted that the Chairman of the Commission appoint an Executive Committee of seven with himself as Chairman, including as many members of the Committee on Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference as are members of the Commission. This was seconded and carried unanimously.

Rev. Sidney L. Gulick, of Japan, then spoke of the race problem, especially the American-Japanese phase of it, urging a serious consideration of the question by the Federal Council.

The meeting adjourned.

(Signed.) GEORGE T. SCOTT, *Clerk of the Meeting.*

2. Meeting at Garden City, N. Y., Jan. 15, 1914.

The Commission on Foreign Missions met at Garden City, N. Y., Jan. 15, 1914, at 5 p. m. The Chairman, Robert E. Speer, presiding.

The Chairman made a statement setting forth the previous action of the Commission, stating some of the more important questions at issue, especially that of relationship with the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

He also reported negotiations relative to the matter of delegating Rev. Sidney L. Gulick for a nation-wide hearing as a representative of the missionaries in Japan on the question of American relationships with the Eastern races.

Dr. Speer then introduced Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, Secretary of the Federal Council, who reported that in compliance with a memorial received from missionaries in Japan, the Executive Committee of the Federal Council had ordered the appointment of a Joint Committee to be made up of ten members from the Commission on Foreign Missions and ten

members of the Commission on Peace and Arbitration, to include the two Chairmen of these Commissions, and the Secretary of the Commission on Peace and Arbitration, Rev. Frederick Lynch. This Joint Committee shall make a preliminary study of the question and report to the Executive Committee with recommendations concerning the memorial of the missionaries in Japan.

Dr. Macfarland set forth the necessity for proper co-operation with the Foreign Missions Conference of North America and recommended certain special matters which the Commission might undertake, including the preparation of an adequate report on the relationship between the movement for Christian unity on the home field and in the foreign field.

The whole question at issue was discussed by Rev. Paul de Schweinitz, Rev. James L. Barton, Charles E. Tebbetts, Bishop W. F. Oldham, Prof. Harlan P. Beach, Rev. W. W. Pinson, Miss Harriet Taylor, F. P. Turner, Mornay Williams, and Rev. A. R. Bartholomew.

The plans for religious activities, including missionary exhibits at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, were set forth by Rev. H. H. Bell, of San Francisco, Secretary of the Committee of One Hundred appointed by the Federal Council.

Dr. Macfarland recommended that the Executive Committee of the Commission, to be appointed by the Chairman, should be authorized to act in the name of and with the power of the Commission, within its discretion, referring more important questions to the whole Commission by correspondence.

It was voted that such action be taken.

After prayer by Rev. E. H. Rawlings the meeting adjourned.

(Signed.) GEORGE T. SCOTT, *Clerk of the Meeting.*

Supplementary Action of the Administrative Committee.

At a subsequent meeting of the Administrative Committee the following action was taken:

"That the Administrative Committee recommend that the Commission on Foreign Missions bring about the closest possible relationship with the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, and that the Commission offer to the Conference any assistance possible for the provision of its needs.

"That in response to the recommendation of Robert E. Speer, the Chairman of the Commission on Foreign Missions, the Secretary of the Federal Council be empowered to act for the Federal Council Commission on Foreign Missions in arranging a nation-wide hearing Rev. Sidney L. Gulick as a representative of Christian Missionaries in Japan relative to Eastern race relationships, and that the Treasurer, Mr. Kimball, be empowered to arrange for the necessary expenses of Dr. Gulick."

COMMISSION ON THE CHURCH AND SOCIAL SERVICE.

Minutes of Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Md., Dec. 4, 1913.

(The Annual Report of this Commission is included in the Report of the Secretary of the Council.)

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 A. M., by Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, Secretary of the Federal Council. In the absence of the Chairman, Rev. O. W. Powers was elected as Chairman pro tem, and Rev. Samuel Z. Batten was appointed to act as Executive Secretary pro tem. Prayer was offered by Dr. Batten.

It was

Voted, That the courtesies of the floor be extended to visitors.

The following members of the Commission were present: Prof. James R. Howerton, A. J. McKelway, Rev. William E. Lampe, Miss Louise Holmquist, Rev. C. J. Musser, Rev. O. W. Powers, Pres. H. L. Elderdice, Rev. Frank Mason North, Rev. Howard B. Grose, Rev. William I. Haven, John M. Glenn, Pres. S. K. Mosiman, William F. Cochran, and Secretaries Charles S. Macfarland, Henry A. Atkinson, Samuel Z. Batten, and Frank M. Crouch.

The following visitors were also registered: Rev. A. W. Lightbourne, Rev. S. S. Lappin, Rev. John R. Straton, Rev. Clayton H. Ranck, William C. Hubbard, Rev. W. S. Jacobs, Charles P. Janney, Rev. John L. Barnhart, and Rev. F. H. Klemme.

A telegram from Gifford Pinchot announced that he was unexpectedly detained at the last moment from being present to report for the Committee on the Church and Country Life.

It was

Voted, That the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed with.

The report of Secretary Macfarland relative to the work of the Commission, as contained in his general report to the Executive Committee of the Federal Council, was then received and considered.

In relation to the section concerning investigations, the committee reported progress relative to the investigation at Pater-son, N. J.

At this point in the meeting the President of the Federal Council, Prof. Shailer Mathews, was introduced to the Commission by Secretary Macfarland, and he brought greetings to

the Commission from the Executive Committee of the Federal Council.

The Committee on Investigations reported its progress on the investigation of prison conditions. Resolutions on prison reform were submitted, by request, by Dr. Batten.

It was

Voted, That these resolutions be referred to the Committee on Investigations.

Secretary Macfarland was authorized to appoint members of the Commission at his discretion to represent the Commission at meetings of organizations for social service.

After considering the item in the Secretary's report relative to translating the literature of the Commission into German and other foreign tongues, this was approved and a special committee consisting of Drs. Macfarland, Batten, and Richards, were appointed to represent the Commission in co-operating with the Home Missions Council in the preparation of social service literature in foreign tongues.

It was

Voted, That this committee add to their numbers at their discretion.

Resolutions relative to the care of immigrants were referred to the Committee of Direction.

It was

Voted, That it is the sense of the Commission that an Associate Secretary should be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Federal Council, all of whose time should be devoted to the interests of the work represented by the Commission.

The Commission voted its approval of the work of the Committee on the Church and Country Life as set forth in the report of the Secretary.

A special Committee was appointed to prepare a report from the Commission on the Church and Social Service to the Executive Committee of the Federal Council, the report to be presented before adjournment in the afternoon. The following were appointed members of the committee: Rev. Samuel Z. Batten, Rev. F. M. Crouch, William F. Cochran, Miss Louise Holmquist, Rev. William E. Lampe, and Prof. George W. Richards. This committee was to take special note of the following items which had been referred to by the Commission in this meeting, namely:

The Matter of Church and Country Life.

The Wage Question.

Report on Prison Reform.

Report on Immigration.

The Request for a Secretary.

The Co-operation and Standardization of Reform Associations and Social Legislation.

The Committee reported to the Executive Committee of the Federal Council and the report as amended and adopted by the Executive Committee of the Federal Council is as follows:

"WHEREAS, The present admirable platform of the Federal Council adopted in Chicago in 1912, deals mainly with the problems of industry and

"WHEREAS, Other phases of the total social problem besides industry—viz. country life, immigration, social waste—are pressing on the attention of the Church and Society; therefore be it

"Resolved, That this Commission be instructed to report to the Executive Committee suggestions touching the present social platform of the Council, giving especial attention to the spiritual basis of social service and formulating the Christian spirit on such other matters as may appear desirable.

"Resolved, In view of the various national measures bearing on social progress already enacted and proposed, that the Social Service Commission take steps to prepare a digest of Federal social legislation and to co-ordinate the different measures of social legislation that are proposed for enactment.

"Resolved, That the Executive Committee be requested to appoint an Associate Secretary whose time shall be devoted to the work of the Commission on the Church and Social Service, as soon as the resources available for the Commission make such action possible.

("Voted, To receive the report of the Commission and that resolutions numbers one and two be adopted, and that resolution number three be referred to the Administrative Committee with power.)

("Voted, That the report of the Commission as amended be approved and referred to the Executive officers and Administrative Committee for publication.")

The meeting adjourned.

(Signed.) O. W. POWERS, *Chairman Pro Tem.*

GEORGE W. RICHARDS, *Recording Secretary.*

COMMISSION ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

Report to the Executive Committee.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 5, 1913.

To the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America:

The Commission on Religious Education, authorized by the Federal Council at its second quadrennial meeting, December, 1912, met for organization at 9:30 o'clock to-day, Chairman W. F. Tillett presiding. There were present eighteen members of the Commission and fourteen visitors.

The Commission elected Henry H. Meyer Secretary and a Committee was appointed to nominate such other officers as may be needed.

Statements and suggestions regarding the scope and purpose of the Commission were read, one of them prepared by the Chairman and two others at his request, as follows:

"(1) From the standpoint of an educator engaged in the work of religious education in a denominational institution of higher learning—prepared by the Chairman.

"(2) From the standpoint of one engaged in denominational and interdenominational Sunday School work—prepared by Henry H. Meyer, Secretary of the Sunday School Council of Evangelical Denominations.

"(3) From the standpoint of an organization already prominently engaged in the general field of religious education—prepared by Henry F. Cope, Secretary Religious Education Association."

After discussion of the subject, the following brief statement of scope and purpose was adopted as expressing the present sense of the Commission.

The scope of this Commission is understood to be as wide as the whole field of religious education, and the function and procedure of the Commission to be not to work *de novo*, but to promote the co-operation of all agencies now at work, and to make the labors and results of these agencies available to the churches and the world at large.

Topics were selected as worthy of early special consideration by the Commission, each topic to be assigned to a Committee of five for preliminary survey and report at a future meeting of the Commission. The topics chosen were as follows:

I. Correlation between the Churches and the Public Schools in the Work of Religious Education. Committee: Rev. G. U.

Wenner, Chairman; Rev. H. C. Culbertson, Rev. Thomas Nicholson, Rev. A. L. Phillips, Rev. Stonewall Anderson.

2. Elementary Religious Instruction in the Sunday school and the Training of Christian Leaders and Teachers in Our Colleges, Universities, and Seminaries: Rev. C. D. Bulla, Chairman; Rev. James E. Clarke, Rev. Edgar Blake, Prof. Ira M. Price, Robert M. Hopkins.

3. The Utilization of the Public Press in the Interest of Religious Education: Rev. George P. Mains, Chairman; Pres. Henry C. King, C. A. Hauser, F. M. Braselman, Pres. F. D. Kershner.

4. Religious Education in the Home: Rev. Martin Summerbell, Chairman; H. F. Cope, Pres. Ira Landrith, Rev. David G. Downey, Rev. A. E. Gobble.

Announcement was made concerning certain plans of the Council of Church Boards of Education, and the following Minute was adopted:

"We have heard with pleasure of the purpose of the Council of Church Boards of Education to effect an organization representative of various denominational colleges and analagous to the National Association of State University Presidents. We ask the Secretary of this Commission to transmit to the Executive Committee of the Council of Church Boards of Education the urgent request of this Commission, that said Council give attention to this subject at its forthcoming annual meeting in January, and if possible provide for such an organization."

The item regarding "National Support of Education," referred to this Commission by the Executive Committee, was considered and a statement of the contents of the communications relating thereto was made by the Secretary. On motion, the matter was laid on the table.

"*Voted*, That the Commission request the Administrative Committee to confer with the Commission on Religious Education before disposing of the item regarding a suggested calendar of Special Days for general observance by the Evangelical churches of North America."

The Commission was addressed by Dr. Milton Fairchild, representing the National Bureau of Education, who called the attention of the Commission to the importance of character education in the Public Schools, and requested the co-operation of those present in his effort to secure individual answers to a list of questions which he is submitting to the clergy of the United States with a view to ascertaining how far the clergy favor moral instruction in the Public Schools. The individual co-operation of those present was promised.

The President of the Federal Council, Dean Shailer Mathews, was introduced by the Secretary of the Council, Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, and addressed the Commission on behalf of the Administrative and Executive Committees of the Council, expressing the appreciation on the part of these Committees of the importance and possibilities of the Commission on Religious Education.

The following were elected as additional officers of the Commission: Nolan R. Best, New York City, Vice-Chairman; Rev. H. H. Meyer, Treasurer.

The following were elected as the Executive Committee of the Commission: The three officers of the Commission, viz.: W. F. Tillett, Chairman; N. R. Best, Vice-Chairman; Henry H. Meyer, Secretary and Treasurer; and Rev. B. S. Winchester, Boston, and Rev. William E. Chalmers, Philadelphia.

The Commission makes the following recommendations:

(1) We recommend that the name of this Commission on Religious Education be changed to "The Commission on Christian Education."

(2) We recommend that the Executive Committee add to our Commission a representative each of the Young Men's Christian Association and the Young Women's Christian Association.

(3) We recommend that an appropriation be made for meeting the necessary expenses of the Commission, the amount to be determined by the President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Federal Council, and the Chairman and Secretary of the Commission.

(Signed)

W. F. TILLETT, *Chairman.*

HENRY H. MEYER, *Secretary.*

COMMISSION ON STATE AND LOCAL FEDERATIONS.

Report to the Executive Committee.

The Commission on State and Local Federations meets for the first time, in connection with this session of the Executive Committee. With its members scattered from Maine to Hawaii an earlier meeting, and indeed a full meeting, has been impossible. Nevertheless by correspondence some preliminary arrangements have been agreed to, and the Chairman, partly authorized and partly upon his own initiative, has conducted considerable correspondence, in which he has been assisted by Edward M. McConoughey, Assistant to Dr. Macfarland, in the office in New York.

The most important achievement of a technical character has been the gathering of data for the compilation of a Directory of Federations. This, Mr. McConoughey, after the drafting of the questionnaire and other letter forms, has personally carried to successful completion. We have data ready for publication concerning twenty State Federations, eighty-nine City Federations and fifteen County Federations, besides a mass of information covering many other organizations.

The question has been raised whether local federations might not be regarded as out-stations of the Federal Council. This question entails considerations somewhat fundamental in character which must not be overlooked.

The Relations of State and Local Federations to the Federal Council.

State and Local Federations are not constituent members of the Federal Council. The Federal Council is composed of delegates from the national, denominational organizations. The State and Local Federations, therefore, are not expected to send delegates to the Federal Council, nor to sustain to the Federal Council the same relations as are sustained by the national, denominational organizations, which are the several constituent parts of the whole; but the State and Local Federations, embodying principles in a smaller area like unto those embodied in the Federal Council for the nation, are related geographically as subordinate, but, organically independent and self-created, have with the Federal Council only the relations which spring from similarity and sympathy.

With this recognition of the relationship sustained by State and Local Federations to the Federal Council, the appoint-

ment of these federations as local representatives of the Federal Council, if made, must be regarded, not so much as the establishment of an official bond or the appointment of a technical and legal representative, as the acknowledgment of this mutual similarity and sympathy, and a declaration that the lesser body within its smaller territory will represent and assist the larger body in those plans and purposes which are applicable in the smaller area. It is the frank acknowledgment of a co-operating fellowship.

The Functions of State and Local Federations.

No clear line of demarcation can be drawn and no hard and fast distinctions be made between the kinds and the character of the functions of the Federal Council, State Federations and City Federations. Each kind springs up as a native and original growth out of its constituent elements; the City Federation out of local churches within a city for the purpose of expressing ideals and objects, or of doing specific work desired by all, but impossible for each separately to do, or at least to do as well; the State Federation out of the denominational organizations within the State for objects and purposes common to all; and the Federal Council out of its constituent elements which are the nation-wide denominational organizations. In each instance the authority of the Federation or the Federal Council arises from the mutual agreements given in the organization by the bodies combining. There is no authority from a superior body, or over-lord of any kind. The Federal Council has above it no body legislating concerning its functions and proceedings; it acts in behalf of the bodies which have created it and only so far as they authorize its action. The State Federation has likewise above it no authoritative control; no superior body has granted it a charter or authorized its existence; it exists because its constituent elements called it into being; its tasks and its functions are those which the constituent parts desire, order or permit. The City Federation, or other local Federation, in a similar manner, derives its right to be not from a State Federation nor even from a Federal Council, but from its component and constituent parts.

In general, the Federal Council is busied with religious, moral and ecclesiastical subjects of nation-wide or of a world-wide character; State Federations are busied with such questions as relate locally to the interests of the State, and in the State Federations more frequently the judicial function of determining rights and proprieties between denominational organizations in the exercise of their Home Mission duties with-

in the State come up for consideration; while in the City or Local Federation, although questions of almost every character, which bear upon municipal and local conditions, receive consideration, yet the functions largely are of an executive character, such as pertain to parish districting, united effort for the application and enforcement of law and the creation and mobilization of public sentiment for ethical and moral praxis.

Standardization.

The federative ideal, expressing a principle, does not require a set form or fixed phrases. The principle of co-operation and concert of plan and purpose may find expression in as varied forms as there are places and people. A standard form of organization may suggest an ideal; but carries with it no inherent virtue, and requires no subservient imitation. In our recognition of federations and with our propagation of the federative ideals we should allow every legitimate variety.

No uniform name need be employed for the designation of a Federation. It may be called a league, a union, an association, a council, a commission, a federation, or any other descriptive term coupled with any adjective or noun, carrying qualifying attributes, such as inter-church, inter-denominational, united, general, federated, church, of the church, or of churches. The principle is larger than a name and may be included in an entire vocabulary. We put no brand nor trademark on the principle, although we prefer common designations for the sake of quick and easy understanding. As a matter of fact listed in our Directory of Federations, we have one League, one Union, one Association, three Commissions, seventeen Councils, and ninety-five Federations. It certainly would appear advisable in the future to avoid the use of the name Council for a State or Local Federation, inasmuch as that is the technical designation of the national organization. As a qualifying adjective, the word Comity is used once, United once, General once, Interdenominational four times, Federated nine times, and Inter-Church thirty-nine times. It would appear, therefore, that the composite name, like a composite photograph, which is gradually emerging, is the name Inter-Church Federation.

The membership of State and Local Federations should be left entirely to local determination. This becomes obvious when one considers that the State and Local Federations originate from their constituent parts, in response to the federating impulse, for specific tasks which the State, the City or the locality requires. As an indigenous product each federation

must grow out of the soil in which the seed becomes implanted, in which the roots may find nourishment, from which the sap may flow and for which the life may find expression. No State or Local Federation now existing includes all of the membership of the Federal Council. Some are composed of but few denominations; others of comparatively many. Some include organizations outside of the church, not a few have in their membership bodies entirely unrelated with the Federal Council. The limitation or the extension of the membership of the State and Local Federations need not concern the Federal Council, since the Federal Council has neither called these Federations into existence nor is responsible for their specific agreements and functions.

It will be interesting to note that in the Federations reporting the Baptist Churches of the North are represented ninety-six times, colored Baptist Churches twelve times, Free Baptist Churches thirteen times, Christian Churches thirty-nine times, Congregational Churches eighty-five times, Disciples twenty-one times, Friends twenty-one times, the German Evangelical Synod thirteen times, the Evangelical Association twenty-one times, the Lutheran Church, General Synod, thirty-seven times, the Mennonite Church once, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, twelve times, the Methodist Episcopal Church one hundred and seven times, the African M. E. Church seventeen times, the African M. E. Zion Church fourteen times, the Colored M. E. Church in America once, the Methodist Protestant Church seventeen times, the Moravian Church five times, the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. eighty-two times, the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. eight times, the Primitive Methodist Church nine times, the Protestant Episcopal Church, or its Commissions on Christian Unity and Social Service, fifty-eight times, the Reformed Church in America eleven times, the Reformed Church in the U. S. fourteen times, the Reformed Episcopal Church four times, the Reformed Presbyterian Church, General Synod, four times, the Seventh Day Baptist Church three times, the United Brethren Church thirty-one times, the United Evangelical Church twelve times, the United Presbyterian Church thirty-seven times, and the Welsh Presbyterian Church six times; and now I have finished the list of the constituent bodies which are members of the Federal Council. But in State and Local Federations, other bodies are represented as follows (I give not complete ecclesiastical designations, but such as are descriptive):

Congregational Methodist once, Swedish Lutheran twice, Swedenborgian six times, Unitarian twenty-four times, Uni-

versalist twenty-five times, Free Methodist once, English-Lutheran three times, Salvation Army five times, Volunteers of America once, Advent Christians six times, Cumberland Presbyterians once, Dunkards once, Calvinistic Methodists once, Holiness once, Catholic Apostolic once, Roman Catholic twice, the Young Men's Christian Association five times, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union once, the Wesleyan Methodist Episcopal once, German Reformed once, Reformed Evangelical once, Pentecostal four times, United Norwegian Lutheran once, Greek Orthodox once, and Lutheran Missouri once. I have named twenty-five bodies represented in the membership of State and Local Federations as reported to headquarters which have no membership in the Federal Council.

Simplicity of Aim.

From the reports which have come to hand, it is apparent that not a few State and Local Federations, once promising and exuberant in the zeal of their beginning, have ceased activity and are dormant, if not, indeed, defunct. Not infrequently the failure of a Federation is due to the fact that it has not represented its own constituency, or been true to its own environment. A comprehensive program, an ideal form of organization, a specific task which belongs appropriately to one Federation may have no place in another; and yet, if a second body in the spirit of imitation without regard to its own genius, its own peculiar situation and surroundings, undertakes to imitate another organization, it will fail to draw the vital forces out of its constituent elements which make it really worth while. A Federation can have no better aim than to discover the needs and opportunities peculiar to its own place, whether State or City, and to express the purposes and convictions which come naturally and almost inevitably out of the elements of which it is composed.

Recommendations.

I. DEFINITIONS.

In the tabulation of returns from the State and Local Federations, the Commission has found it necessary to formulate certain definitions and to be guided in listing and classifying Federations by the distinguishing characteristics involved in these definitions.

(1) *A Local Federation* is an inter-denominational body whose members are elected by the membership of the several local churches or are appointed by committees or officials of

these respective churches as representative of the entire church.

(2) *A State Federation* is an inter-denominational body the members of which are elected or otherwise officially appointed as representatives of the denominational organizations within the State.

(3) *A Union Church* is an organization for worship and the exercise of ecclesiastical functions locally, the members of which sever connection with other churches and have membership in this alone. It is an undenominational church.

(4) *A Federated Church* is a combination of two or more churches, usually small and weak, each preserving its own ecclesiastical existence and connections with its own denomination, but as one local church, employing one pastor and usually maintaining all services in common. Within it benevolences for missionary enterprises are cultivated and gifts are sent to the several denominational headquarters as agreed upon.

(5) In want of a better designation; we would suggest the term *Interdenominational Church* as applicable to a church composed of individuals who do not sever connection with their several home churches, but unite for local church purposes in a common organization and thus maintain a dual church relationship.

II. THE LOCAL IDEAL.

As defined above, we recognize certain serious deficiencies as inhering in the union, or undenominational church. (1) It lacks the fellowship of other churches. (2) It receives no expert supervision and oversight. (3) It has no adequate source of ministerial supply. (4) No religious literature springs from it or returns to it. (5) It has no direct responsibility for Christian education. (6) It has no alliance with and responsibility for, missionary enterprises—Home and Foreign. (7) Usually it fails of adequate instruction in religious truth, and, (8) In experience it has proven still to contain the elements of discord and disunion.

We are agreed that the ideal church within a community, too small for two or more churches, in which Christian forces can combine, is a single denominational church connected with one of the Christian denominations, equipped and organized for all forms of Christian service at home and abroad, and that the Interdenominational Church, the Federated Church or the Union Church should be regarded as expedients, fully justified, although not ideal, when conditions permit nothing better.

III. PUBLICATIONS.

We recommend for the dissemination and the propagation of the ideas and ideals of federations that the Administrative Committee give consideration, favorable if possible, to the publication at our central office of a Bulletin devoted to the interests of State and Local Federations. We propose the employment of other channels of publicity, such as the secular and denominational press, and the creation from time to time of a new literature in the form of circulars, pamphlets, and possibly books, describing Federation, State and Local, what it has accomplished and what it may become.

IV. LOCAL CONFERENCES.

We approve the holding of conferences upon the subject of federation and unity of effort, in the different sections of the country, as convenience may permit, and in connection with denominational gatherings.

V. GENERAL CONFERENCE.

We approve calling a Conference of Federations to be held in connection with the next meeting of the Federal Council.

Respectfully submitted.

ALFRED WILLIAMS ANTHONY, *Chairman.*

Baltimore, Maryland, December 4, 1913.

COMMISSION ON TEMPERANCE.**Minutes of Meetings.**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10, 1913.

Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, Rev. Rufus W. Miller, the Temperance Commission of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America met in the Lutheran Church of the Reformation at 2 P. M. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. Lacy, and Rev. Hervey Wood. Rev. S. Zane Batten was elected Temporary Secretary. On roll call the following were found to be present.

The Federal Council.

Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, Secretary.

Baptist.

Joshua Levering, Baltimore, Md., President of the Inter-Church Temperance Federation.

Rev. S. Zane Batten, 1701 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. Secretary of the Department of Social Service, Northern Baptist Convention.

Rev. Hervey Wood, 49 Claremont Ave., New York, N. Y. Superintendent Temperance Committee General Convention Baptists of North America.

Congregational.

H. H. Spooner, Kensington, Conn.

Miss Cora Frances Stoddard, 23 Trull St., Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Zillah Foster Stevens, Alton, Ill., Superintendent Temperance Department International S. S. Association.

Disciples of Christ.

Rev. William J. Wright, Franklin, Ind., President of Board of Temperance of Disciples of Christ.

Oliver W. Stewart, 5464 Harper Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Friends.

S. E. Nicholson, Richmond, Ind. Chairman of Board of Temperance and Legislation of the Friends' Church.

Mrs. Sarah Hogue, Lincoln, Va.

Virgil G. Hinshaw, Chicago, Ill.

Lutheran, General Synod.

Rev. E. C. Dinwiddie, Bliss Building, Washington, D. C., Chairman of Lutheran Temperance Committee.

Rev. John Weidley, 233 Second St., S. E., Washington, D. C.

Rev. Geo. B. Reimensnyder, Sunbury, Pa.

Methodist Episcopal.

A. E. Wilson, 106 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Ill.
Member Methodist Temperance Society.

Moravian.

Rev. E. S. Hagen, Lititz, Pa.

Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (South).

Rev. J. H. Lacy, Winchester, Va.

Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. (North).

Rev. Thomas Watters, Pittsburgh, Pa., President Presbyterian Board of Temperance.

Prof. Charles Scanlon, Pittsburgh, Pa., General Secretary Board of Temperance.

Rev. Percy Y. Schelly, 1020 South Sixtieth St., Philadelphia, Pa., Associate Secretary Board of Temperance.

Miss Marie C. Brehm, Pittsburgh, Pa., Lecturer for Board of Temperance.

Samuel E. Gill, Pittsburgh, Pa. Special Lecturer for Board of Temperance.

Mrs. W. F. Crafts, Washington, D. C.

John W. Cummings, 373 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Reformed Presbyterian.

Rev. T. H. Acheson, Pittsburgh, Pa., sitting as Corresponding member.

Reformed Church in the U. S.

Rev. Rufus W. Miller, Philadelphia, Pa.

United Evangelical.

Rev. D. A. Poling, Columbus, O., of the United Society of Christian Endeavor.

United Presbyterian.

Rev. J. T. McCrory, Bellevue, Pa., Chairman of Permanent Committee on Temperance in the United Presbyterian Church.

On motion the Chairman was authorized to appoint a Committee of five with himself as a member to represent the Commission in a call upon the President of the United States to convey to him our respect and bespeak his good offices in behalf of the work of the Commission.

The Chairman announced the following in addition to him-

self as members of the Committee to call upon the President: Joshua Levering, S. E. Nicholson, A. E. Wilson, Rev. S. Z. Batten.

Upon invitation Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, Secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, addressed the Commission on the Relation of the Temperance Commission to the Federal Council.

The Chairman being authorized to appoint a Committee on Organization named the following persons: A. E. Wilson, S. E. Nicholson, H. H. Spooner, Rev. D. A. Poling, Charles Scanlon.

Reports of the work being done by the various denominations were made as follows:

For the Disciples of Christ, Rev. William J. Wright.

For the Friends, S. E. Nicholson.

For the General Convention of Baptists, Rev. Hervey Wood.

For the Northern Baptists, Rev. S. Z. Batten.

For the Evangelical Lutheran, Rev. E. C. Dinwiddie.

For the United Presbyterians, Rev. J. T. McCrory.

For the Congregational, H. H. Spooner.

For the Methodist Episcopal, A. E. Wilson.

For the Moravian, Rev. E. S. Hagen.

For the Reformed Church, Rev. Rufus W. Miller.

For the Reformed Presbyterian, Rev. T. H. Acheson.

For the Southern Presbyterian, Rev. J. H. Lacy.

For the Northern Presbyterian, Rev. Charles Scanlon.

For the Temperance Department of the International S. S. Association, Mrs. Zillah Foster Stevens, Superintendent.

For the Temperance Department of the Christian Endeavor Society, Rev. D. A. Poling, Superintendent.

For the Inter-Church Temperance Federation, Joshua Levering, President.

After prayer by Rev. Thomas Watters, the meeting was adjourned until 10:45 A. M., December 11, 1913.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11, 1913.

The Commission convened at 10:45 in the Lutheran Church of the Reformation. In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting was called to order by Joshua Levering, and was opened with prayer by Rev. S. Z. Batten.

A. E. Wilson, Chairman of Committee on Permanent Organization, reported a plan of organization which was adopted and is as follows:

Plan.

1. **NAME.** The name of the Commission shall be "Commission on Temperance of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America."
2. The **MEMBERSHIP** of the Commission shall be apportioned in the manner specified in By-law No. 6 of the By-laws of the Council.

3. The **POWERS** of the Commission.

The Commission shall have power to deal with the following matters:

- a. The establishment and conduct of the general office.
- b. The appointment of officers except the Chairman and of agents and committees.
- c. The offering of aid to all Temperance Committees and Agencies of the denominations in connection with denominational and general temperance efforts.
- d. The accrediting of Temperance Organizations upon certification of good standing from denominational committees or when reporting to the Commission, in accordance with the action of the Federal Council.
- e. The promotion of the cause of Temperance and instruction in the basic principles and methods of Temperance in all churches.
- f. And the stimulation of the production of a body of literature, educational and inspirational in character.

4. **OFFICER AND COMMITTEES.**

The officers of the Commission shall be a Chairman, to be appointed in accordance with By-law No. 8, a Vice-Chairman, a General Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers and agents as may, in the judgment of the Commission, be necessary, from time to time.

The Commission shall also appoint an Executive Committee and other committees as circumstances may require.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, General Secretary and Treasurer. One Executive officer each of the denominational Temperance organizations shall be an advisory member of the Executive Committee without vote.

5. EXPENSES.

The expenses of the Commission shall be provided by voluntary contributions which the Commission is authorized to solicit.

6. METHODS OF WORK.

The following rules as to Methods of Work shall be binding upon the Commission.

- a. Work within any given denomination shall be entirely within denominational control, through an agency appointed by its supreme governing or advisory body, such agency to be a medium of communication with the Commission.
- b. The Commission shall give information as to all methods of temperance work from time to time.
- c. Co-operation with various Temperance organizations and societies of the land and their co-ordination so far as possible, by and with the view to uniting all in the one work of creating sound public sentiment and securing proper administration of Temperance laws in the state and nation.
- d. All organizations and societies soliciting the support and sympathy of the churches in behalf of Temperance are to be requested to file with this Commission an annual report containing an outline of their plans and of work and a detailed financial statement, properly audited. A refusal on the part of any organization or society to do this, to be reported to the several denominational Temperance Agencies with the suggestion that such an organization or society should not receive commendation or the support of Christian people.

7. MISCELLANEOUS.

The Commission shall have power to arrange for and control all details of its business and shall report to the Executive Committee of the Federal Council annually and whenever required, and also to the meetings of the Council, it being understood that the Commission will diligently comply with all instructions and regulations of the Federal Council and carry on its work in accordance therewith.

The Chairman took the chair at 11:20, on his return from the hearing before the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives.

The report of the Committee on Organization was received and adopted and is as follows:

Chairman, Rev. Rufus W. Miller, Philadelphia, Pa.

Vice Chairman, Joshua Levering, Baltimore, Md.

General Secretary, Prof. Charles Scanlon, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Treasurer, John Walton, Philadelphia, Pa.

Other members of the Executive Committee are: Rev. E. C. Dinwiddie, Washington, D. C., Evangelical Lutheran General Synod; Charles L. Huston, Coatesville, Pa., Presbyterian, U. S. A.; A. E. Wilson, Chicago, Ill., President Temperance Board Methodist Episcopal Church; James Wood, Mt. Kisco, N. Y., Friends; Rev. J. T. McCrory, Pittsburgh, Pa., United Presbyterian; Miss Cora Frances Stoddard, Boston, Mass., Congregational, Secretary Scientific Temperance Federation; Mrs. Sarah Hogue, Lincoln, Va., Friends, President of Virginia W. C. T. U.

The Chairman, Dr. Miller, read a paper on Work, Organization and Financing of the Commission. This included Plan of Organization substantially as adopted. The subject matter of paper was referred to the Executive Committee. The Chairman called attention to Resolutions 7 and 8, page 254, of Federal Council's report of Chicago meeting. These were referred to Executive Committee. Joshua Levering reported that, owing to sickness the President of the United States could not receive the Committee of Five.

After prayer by Dr. Watters, the Commission took a recess at 1 P. M., to meet at 2 P. M.

At two o'clock the meeting convened with the Chairman presiding. Prayer was offered by Rev. John Weidley.

On motion the calling of a meeting of all temperance forces was referred to the Executive Committee with power.

It was recommended that the name of Miss Cora Frances Stoddard and the name of Mrs. Sarah H. Hogue be recommended to the Congregational and Orthodox Friends' Churches respectively for membership on the Commission.

The Executive Committee was authorized to confer with Temperance Departments of the International Sunday School Association and the Christian Endeavor Society concerning plans, and to work through the Temperance agencies of the respective denominations with which other similar societies are connected.

S. E. Nicholson opened a discussion on the subject of leaflets and other literature and after consideration on motion of Rev. S. Z. Batten, the Chairman was authorized to appoint a Committee of Five on Literature.

United action in Temperance libraries was discussed by

Rev. W. J. Wright, President of the Temperance Board of the Disciples Church.

Miss Stoddard reviewed Ernest B. Gordon's book entitled, "The Anti-Alcoholic Movement in Europe," and commended it.

John W. Cummings, Business Manager of the National Advocate, spoke upon the willingness of that Society to cooperate in making the Advocate a medium of communication for the Commission and the several denominational temperance agencies.

Some confusion having been reported concerning various plans and methods and pledges used in securing total abstinence signatures the subject was referred to the Executive Committee.

Finances.

It was decided that for the present the Temperance Commission should depend upon voluntary contributions from individuals and organizations for support, and further that the representatives of the several Church temperance agencies whenever practicable present the work of this Commission and take an offering for the same.

Constitutional Prohibition.

It was resolved that it is the sense of this meeting that we approve the movement for national constitutional prohibition and the action of our Chairman in appearing before the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress in behalf of the same.

A Vote of Thanks.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Commission express to the pastor, Rev. John Weidley, and the officers of the Church its cordial appreciation of the use of the Church and for other courtesies.

The Chairman announced the Committee on Literature, which is as follows: Rev. S. Z. Batten, S. E. Nicholson, Miss Cora F. Stoddard, Homer J. Hall, M. D., and S. E. Gill.

An evening session was held in the form of an Illustrated Lecture on Evening or Social Centers in Churches, Schools, or Field Houses, as a counter attraction to the saloon, by Clarence Arthur Perry, of the Russell Sage Foundation.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

RUFUS W. MILLER, *Chairman*.

CHARLES SCANLON, *General Secretary of the Commission, Conestoga Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.*

CHARLES S. MACFARLAND, *Secretary of the Federal Council.*

COMMISSION ON HOME MISSIONS.

Minutes of Meeting, New York City, Jan. 13, 1914.

Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, Rev. H. C. Herring, the Commission on Home Missions of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America met in the office of the Secretary of the Council, Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, United Charities Building, New York City, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of January 13, 1914.

Rev. John M. Moore of Nashville led in prayer. On motion Rev. C. E. Schaeffer was appointed Secretary. The following were noted present:

Rev. L. C. Barnes	R. E. Magill
Rev. Charles H. Beck	Rev. Charles E. Miller
Rev. Edmund de S. Brunner	Rev. John M. Moore
Miss Edith M. Dabb	Rev. S. L. Morris
W. T. Demarest	Rev. O. W. Powers
Rev. H. C. Herring	Rev. Charles H. Richards
Rev. John C. Horning	Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer
Rev. Joel S. Ives	Rev. A. D. Thaeler
Rev. Paul S. Leinbach	Mrs. Warren H. Wilson
Rev. Duncan J. McMillan	and the Secretary of the Federal Council, Rev. Charles S. Macfarland.
Rev. W. F. McMurry	

The Chairman, Dr. Herring, stated the object of the meeting, pointing out at the same time the function and scope of the Commission and calling attention to the fact that the Home Missions Council is to all practical intents and purposes doing the work of the Commission, and suggested the advisability of having the Federal Council name the Home Missions Council as its Commission on Home Missions.

Dr. Macfarland, Mr. Demarest, and Dr. Barnes offered remarks along similar lines. Dr. Moore presented the following motion:

"That it is the sense of this Commission that the Federal Council should appoint the Home Missions Council as its Commission on Home Missions, and that three members of this Commission be appointed to convey this action to the Home Missions Council for its approval or rejection."

The motion was discussed by Drs. Powers, Moore, Herring, Macfarland, Leinbach, McMillan, and Mr. Demarest.

It was passed unanimously and the officers, Drs. Herring and Schaeffer, together with Dr. Barnes, were appointed the Committee called for in the Resolution.

On motion the meeting adjourned at 4 p. m.

(Signed.) CHARLES E. SCHAEFFER, *Recording Secretary*.

Supplementary Action of the Home Missions Council.

The Home Missions Council at its subsequent annual meeting, took the following action:

"*Voted*, That the Home Missions Council welcomes the overture from the Home Missions Commission of the Federal Council, and will be glad to do anything feasible to further the end in view. It would not be possible, of course, for the Home Missions Council, or any committee from its membership, to accept the relationship to the Federal Council held by its Commissions, since this would involve, at least in theory, a supervision of the activities of the Home Missions Council by the Federal Council. The Home Missions Council, however, will be entirely willing, if the Federal Council desires us to do so, that in connection with the list of said Council's Commissions it be stated that the Federal Council recognizes the Home Missions Council as its representative in the field of Home Missions.

"The Home Missions Council will also, through its Executive Committee, prepare an annual statement as to co-operative movements in Home Mission matters, and place this in the hands of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council, and will give a resumé of these statements, with additional matter, at the Quadrennial Meeting of the Federal Council. It will welcome also at any time suggestions from the Federal Council as to subjects within the scope of its functions.

"The Home Missions Council is prepared to arrange for representatives of the Federal Council in its membership, provided the plan above outlined is accepted by the Federal Council."

(Signed) WILLIAM T. DEMAREST, *Secretary*.

Supplementary Action of the Administrative Committee.

At a subsequent meeting of the Administrative Committee the following action relative to the Commission on Home Missions and the Home Missions Council was taken by the Administrative Committee:

"That in compliance with the vote of the Federal Council recognizing the Home Missions Council "as the proper organization of the churches at the present time for co-ordinating home mission activities," the Administrative Committee approves the action of the Commission on Home Missions and the action of the Home Missions Council; endorses the proposed co-operation of the Home Missions Council with the Federal Council through its Commission on Home Missions; invites the Chairman and Secretary of the Home Missions Council to meet with the Administrative Committee as Advisory Members; and invites the Home Missions Council to present records of its work to the Executive Committee of the Federal Council and to the Federal Council.

"The Secretary of the Federal Council is also instructed to arrange with the Home Missions Council for representatives of the Federal Council in its membership.

"Voted, That we express our appreciation of the election by the Home Missions Council of Dr. Carroll as the joint Secretary at Washington, D. C.

"Voted, That we express our hearty appreciation to the Home Missions Council for their recent action in regard to co-operation in home mission work."

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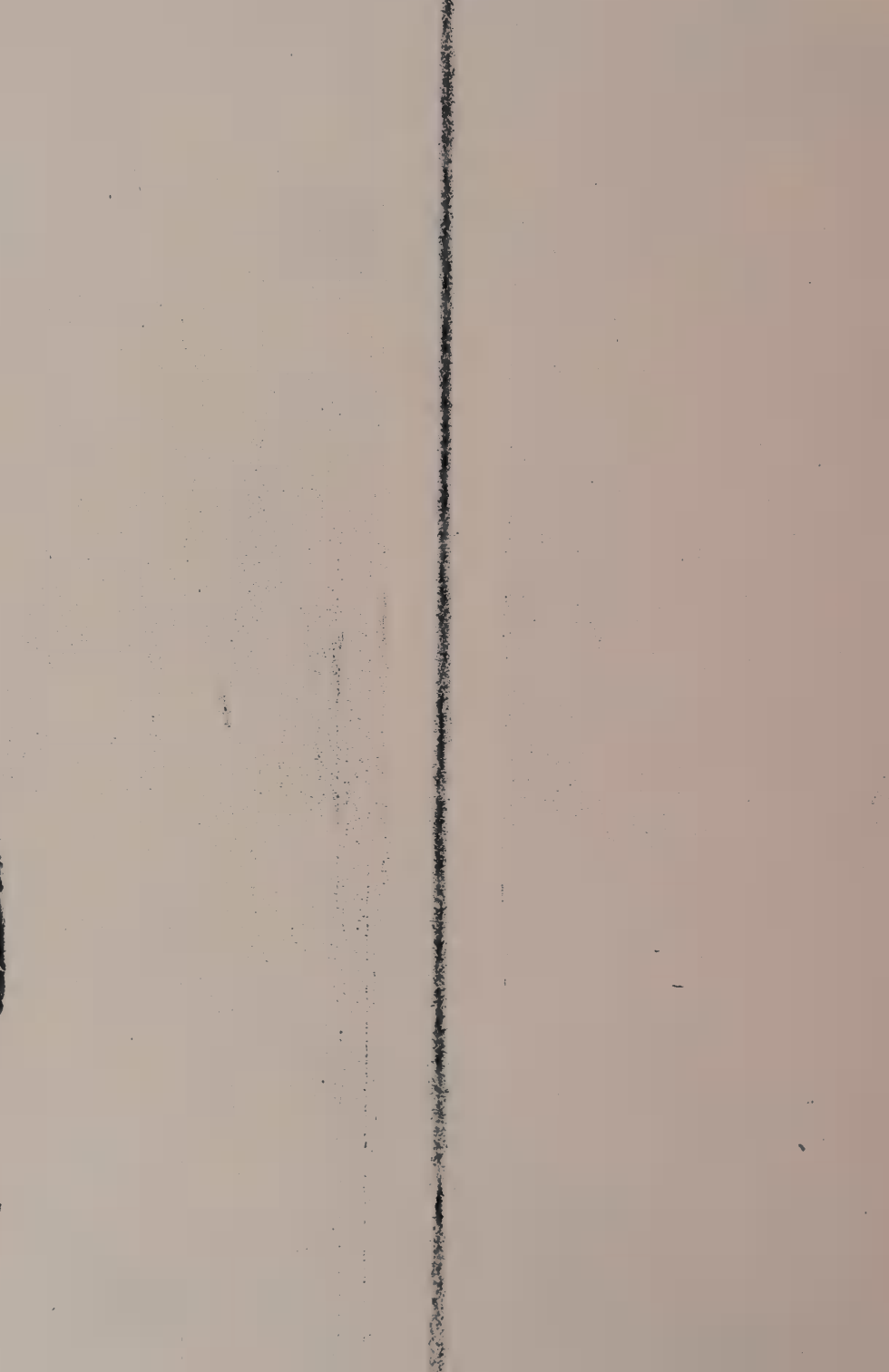
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Free Baptist Churches	805	1,110	65,440
Christian Church	1,066	1,360	113,887
Congregational Churches	6,091	6,129	755,088
Disciples of Christ	6,161	8,494	1,363,163
Friends	1,315	775	98,356
German Evangelical Synod	1,058	1,365	290,803
Evangelical Association	1,031	1,663	115,243
Lutheran Church, General Synod ..	1,395	1,847	340,441
Mennonite General Conference ...	172	112	12,797
Methodist Episcopal Church	18,881	28,245	3,603,265
Methodist Episcopal Church, South	7,099	16,691	2,005,707
African M. E. Church	5,000	6,000	620,000
African M. E. Zion Church	3,552	3,180	568,608
Colored M. E. in America	3,072	3,196	240,798
Methodist Protestant Church	1,371	2,348	180,382
Moravian Church	143	122	19,615
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.	9,413	10,019	1,442,498
Presbyterian Church in the United States (South)	1,819	3,430	310,602
Protestant Episcopal Church (Com- missions on Christian Unity and Social Service)	5,546	7,922	1,015,248
Reformed Church in America	775	707	123,143
Reformed Church in the United States	1,217	1,770	312,660
Reformed Episcopal Church	83	80	10,800
Reformed Presbyterian Church (General Synod)	16	17	3,300
Seventh Day Baptist Church	101	76	7,927
United Brethren Church	1,953	3,583	322,044
United Evangelical Church	538	935	75,050
United Presbyterian Church	1,167	1,126	148,220
Welsh Presbyterian Church	97	156	14,374
Total	103,018	138,870	17,436,650

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

OF THE

Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America

TO THE

Executive Committee, for the Year 1914

This report is concerned mainly with affairs of administration and reviews only the more important activities of the year. The Secretary of the Council is also the Executive Secretary of the Commissions on the Church and Social Service, Peace and Arbitration, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Sunday Observance, Family Life, State and Local Federations, the special Commission on Relations with Japan, and the Joint Commission on Theological Seminaries. Therefore, this report includes these commissions. The other commissions and committees, which have their own executive secretaries, will present independent reports. The report of the Associate Secretary, whose work is for the most part distinctive, is presented as accompanying that of the Secretary.

It is to be remembered that the report of the Secretary deals almost solely with concrete matters and does not attempt to portray any aspect of the larger progress of that denominational co-operation which is largely the outcome of the federative movement of which the Federal Council is both the expression and the creative agency. Such a report cannot, in the nature of the case, express the spirit and state of mind created by the Federal Council, which are constantly bringing about new movements for the united activity of the churches, local, national and international.

The instructions of the Executive Committee at the last annual meeting in Baltimore have all been carried out. Most of these actions, however, will appear in the report of the Administrative Committee.

The report of the Washington Committee, relative to arrangements for religious worship in connection with the Naval Academy, at Annapolis, was conveyed to the Secretary of the Navy.

The correspondence relative to religious work in the Canal Zone and the Philippines was conveyed to the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, and was also referred to the Federal Council Commission on State and Local Federations.

In accordance with the vote of the Executive Committee, the following call to prayer was sent out to the churches in March:

A Call to Prayer by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

To the Churches of Christ in America:

In the name of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, in accordance with instructions from the Executive Committee, we send forth, during this appropriate season of the year, this call to united intercession, earnestly requesting every pastor to lead his congregation in prayer.

That the spirit of Christian unity may be rapidly deepened in all the churches, through the quickened consciousness of the presence of Christ in the hearts of His disciples; that as they all draw closer to Him they may be drawn closer to one another and may realize in Him the one center of union of faith and life.

That the Spirit of God may fill the churches with evangelical fervor and zeal, to the end that through a larger faith and a deeper realization of the need of regeneration in the lives of men, there may come such consecration to spiritual service as shall bring the people to the feet of Christ.

That the united power of the Christian churches may be Divinely guided in the work of carrying the Christian gospel to heathen lands; the practice of Christian brotherhood to those who come to our shores from other countries, with an earnest effort to bring them to Christ; the effective distribution and development of religious forces in home mission fields; the deepening of Christian sentiment against the liquor traffic, individual and social impurity, and all the other evils of human society; the restoration and the conservation of a true Christian Sunday such as shall preserve both the physical and the spiritual life of the people; a larger earnestness in the religious education of our youth; the spiritual interpretation of marriage, the family and the home; the realization of a just and humane social order through the development of a Christian democracy; a spirit of brotherhood which will bring everlasting peace among all the nations of the world; and as the sole means to all these ends, the cultivation of that spiritual life and passion which come through a knowledge of the heart and mind of Christ, and the acknowledgment of his divine nature and sovereign power.

(Signed)

SHAILER MATHEWS,

President;

(Signed)

FRANK MASON NORTH,

Chairman Executive Committee;

(Signed)

CHARLES S. MACFARLAND,

Secretary.

The resolution commending "the President of the United States and his administration for their efforts to adjust the issues between us and other peoples in the spirit of Christian diplomacy" was conveyed to the President.

The Secretary was instructed to have prepared a suitable communication which was conveyed by Rev. Albert G. Lawson to the Judson Centenary Celebration at Boston in June:

June 16, 1914.

To The American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, at its Judson Centennial Celebration, Boston, June 25, 1914.

GREETING:

It is fitting that in this historic gathering the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America should speak for thirty families of Christ's followers, and that through the Council, they should all participate in these memorials of a gratifying achievement of whose fruits they have all partaken.

This federation was born of the conviction that churches of Christ were agreed in more things and in things more important, than those in which they differed, and that they could do their best work, not in separation but in heartfelt co-operation. Through the Council sixteen million of Christian men and women have become members one of another.

The Federal Council represents unity without concern for uniformity, and strives to bring forth in each of its constituent bodies its very best, and to blend that best with the best in the others. In spiritual life and service; in national and international brotherhood and peace; in education and evangelization, it seeks the highest ideals of all.

One of the most significant spheres of the federative movement has been that of foreign missions. It is true to-day, as it was among the Thessalonians, that converts in heathen lands excel in the faith that works, the love that toils, the hope that endures; and to-day light shines, not only upon the heathen world, but streams out from it.

The results of the great religious movement inaugurated by Judson and his associates are many and far-reaching, for faith and conduct, and with silent force act and react upon each other. This century of missions has changed the emphasis for all our churches from God's sovereignty to his loving kindness; from the miraculous ministry to the moral and spiritual glory of the Son of God. We have learned that the true motive of missions is set deep in the soul of man and charged to the full with the very life and love of God.

It is from these fields of service abroad that the richest fruits of spiritual unity are garnered. With what unspeakable joy would Carey and Judson read the year book of missions in India, Burma, and Ceylon, with its comprehensive report of the many-sided mission work in these countries, a book no single denomination could possibly produce!

One of the most significant reports at the recent Federal Council in Chicago in 1912 was that of the Commission on Foreign Missions, setting forth the achievements of unity and federation on the foreign field. One of the most important

undertakings of the Federal Council at the present moment is that of its Commission on Relations with Japan, which has been brought to undertake a far-reaching task, by memorials from our missionaries and their churches.

When we have more races to seek and to save than we have differences to solve, and more dialects to conquer for Christ than we have divisions into names and sects which confuse the heathen, we do well to emphasize the strength of unity in Christian endeavor. Indeed it is not too much to say that there would have been no unity among Christian churches, such as we see to-day in our Federal Council, if it had not been for the missionary movement, since the Christ spirit only can beget the Christ life. Paganism, united at least in its opposition, is now to be met by the united front of Christianity, and when thirty such churches as are represented in the Federal Council advance together to the conquest of the world for our Lord and King we are not far from the fullest victory the cross has ever gained.

The most audacious words ever breathed into human language are Jesus' sayings: "Go, disciple all the nations." "I will draw all men unto myself." "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be perfected into one; that the world may know that thou didst send me, and lovedest them as thou lovedest me." The heresy of unbelief and the heresy of inaction have one root; hence, if he that believeth not is condemned, how can he escape who goeth not? Contribution plates may be truer tests of orthodoxy than articles of faith. The world needs to-day that the spirit of Christian missions impregnate the Christian civilization.

The Federal Council, from the very beginning, has had among its active spirits none more faithful than your own ministers and members, and at the recent Quadrennial Council in Chicago it elected one of your number to what may possibly be said to be the highest honor conferred by the churches of Christ. As a great and free people you have exalted the lordship of Christ, the priesthood of believers, the democracy of the church, the separation of church and state, and the glory of world-wide missions; and in your adhesion to these principles through good report and evil report, in dark days or bright, you have given great encouragement to all your brethren in other communions.

In the various bodies that go to make up our federation no name is more highly honored than that of Judson, the pioneer American missionary, and of our commissions among the first in dignity and service is our Commission on Foreign Missions. As your fellow workers in the Federal Council we most devoutly pray that multitudes may arise with the spirit of Judson for work at home and abroad, and that you may abound and excel yet more and more unto the doing of the perfect will of God.

By appointment of the Administrative Committee, Rev. Albert G. Lawson, an honored member of that Committee and of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council, becomes our messenger to convey this greeting, and to represent the Federal

Council of the Churches of Christ in America and the 138,000 churches of the thirty denominations of the Council, at the Judson Centennial celebration.

(Signed)

SHAILER MATHEWS,

President;

(Signed)

FRANK MASON NORTH,

Chairman of the Executive Committee;

(Signed)

WILLIAM I. HAVEN,

Chairman of the Administrative Committee;

(Signed)

CHARLES S. MACFARLAND,

Secretary of the Council.

Other matters upon which action was ordered by the Executive Committee will appear under various headings in this report.

COMMISSION ON RELATIONS WITH JAPAN.

One of the most important actions of the Executive Committee was the following:

"We recommend that the Chairmen of the Commissions on Peace and Arbitration and on Foreign Missions be requested to appoint nine members of their respective Commissions, who, together with them, will act with the Administrative Committee as a preliminary Committee to consider the overtures from the missionaries in Japan and make a report to the Executive Committee."

Meanwhile a supplementary memorial was received as follows:

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

2242 Seventh Avenue, Oakland, Cal.

To the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ In America:

(Through the Committee having the matter in charge).

"The Standing Committee of American Workers in Oriental Missions on Pacific Coast warmly endorses the suggestion of American Missionaries in Japan that the Federal Council establish a Commission to visit Japan bearing greetings from the Christian Churches of America and seeking to develop that mutual acquaintance which shall establish cordial relationships particularly between the Christian people of the two countries.

"We suggest that the Commission include a Christian Japanese resident in America, and that its members make a special study among other things, of the attitude of the Japanese in regard to emigration to America and of the influence upon the social, economic and religious life of Japan of the Japanese residents in America or who have returned to Japan after residence in America."

(Signed)

A. WESLEY MELL, *President;*

(Signed)

GEORGE W. HINMAN, *Vice-President;*

(Signed)

MILTON S. VAIL, *Secretary.*

Executive Committee.

"I hereby certify that the above is an exact copy of the action of the Standing Committee at its last meeting in November, 1913."

(Signed)

MILTON S. VAIL,
Secretary.

San Francisco, California, November 28, 1913.

Sent care of Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, D.D., New York City.

Immediately after the meeting of the Executive Committee, a temporary committee of three, consisting of Robert E. Speer, W. B. Millar, and the Secretary of the Federal Council, was appointed, under whose direction arrangements were immediately made for Rev. Sidney L. Gulick to speak before representative bodies in various parts of the country. Dr. Gulick also visited Washington and interviewed President Wilson, Secretary of State William J. Bryan, and several senators. Your Secretary also waited upon President Wilson and acquainted him with our procedure.

Meanwhile the Joint Committee held several meetings at the first of which a committee of three, consisting of Dr. Speer, Rev. Frank Mason North, and Rev. Frederick Lynch, was appointed to arrange with Dr. Gulick for the continuation of his work, and another special committee consisting of Dr. North, Dr. Lynch, Dr. Speer, Rev. Albert G. Lawson, and John R. Mott, was appointed to prepare a report with recommendations on the whole matter.

The full Joint Committee then met on April 17th, and the following action was taken:

"Resolved, That in response to the memorials of bodies of missionaries in Japan, submitted to the Federal Council, there be appointed on behalf of the Federal Council, a Commission of Nine or more, whose general scope of service shall be to study the entire question of the application of the teachings of Christ to our relations with Japan, and to promote such influences and activities as shall lead to the right relationships between the peoples of these two nations."

At the same time Dr. Gulick's work was also authorized.

At the final meeting of the Joint Committee on April 30th, a "Commission on Relations with Japan" was elected, consisting of the following members:

Rev. Charles R. Brown, Dean of Yale Divinity School.

Prof. Charles R. Henderson, of Chicago University.

Hamilton Holt, Editor of the *Independent*.

Rev. Albert G. Lawson, Acting Chairman of the Administrative Committee.

Bishop Francis J. McConnell, of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

John R. Mott, Secretary of the World Student Christian Federation.

Rev. Frank Mason North, Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Robert E. Speer, Chairman of the Commission on Foreign Missions.
Rev. William I. Haven, Chairman of the Administrative Committee.
Bishop E. R. Hendrix, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.
Prof. Jeremiah W. Jenks, of New York University.
Rev. Frederick Lynch, Secretary of the Church Peace Union.
Rev. Doremus Scudder, Pastor of the Union Church, Honolulu,
Hawaii.
President George E. Vincent, of the University of Minnesota.
Hon. Amos P. Wilder, Executive Secretary of the Yale Foreign
Missionary Society, and recently consul at Shanghai, China.
Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, Secretary, *ex officio*.

At subsequent meetings of the Commission on Relations with Japan, Dr. Gulick was engaged to serve as the representative of the Commission and the following were elected as an Executive Committee: Messrs. Haven, Holt, Jenks, Lynch, and Speer. Various sub-committees were appointed and provision was made for the necessary financial support of the Commission.

It was voted that the President of the Federal Council, Prof. Shailer Mathews, be selected as the ambassador to the churches of Japan, to make his visit at such time as may be found most opportune and advisable, and that Rev. Charles E. Jefferson be requested to serve as alternate in case President Mathews should be unable to fulfill the mission. It was also voted that the Administrative Committee of the Federal Council should request Rev. Frank Mason North and Rev. William I. Haven to act with and support President Mathews in connection with his visit to Japan.

The Executive Committee and the various sub-committees have met at frequent intervals and are, at the present time, carrying on the work committed to them. Prof. H. A. Millis, of the University of Kansas, was secured to visit the Pacific Coast to make a special study of the Japanese situation. His report is now in process of preparation.

Dr. North and Dr. Haven are now in the Orient, are engaged in securing such information as will assist the Commission, and are preparing for its future work.

Rev. Doremus Scudder, of Honolulu, was invited to come to the United States, and has been here for the past two months, engaged in furthering the work of the Commission, and speaking on behalf of good will between Japan and America.

Adequate time has not elapsed since the formation of the Commission for the formulation of results, but it is increasingly clear that we have entered upon this work none too soon. The publication in June of the official correspondence between Secretary Bryan and Ambassador Viscount Chinda has by no means satisfied the Japanese people that we are meeting the issue. The suspicious attitude of a section of the American

press toward Japan at the outbreak of hostilities between Japan and Germany tends to arouse antipathy in Japan towards America.

Many of the most sober-minded citizens in both countries are anxious as to the outcome if matters are allowed to drift. One of our correspondents in California, who is thoroughly familiar with the situation both on the Pacific Coast and in Japan, writes as follows: "The situation invites difficulty. It would take very little to arouse bad feeling. The Japanese in Japan are in a similar condition. We are living over a powder magazine. No one knows when some one will touch a match."

Additional anti-Japanese legislation is contemplated. So delicate has the situation become that Christian leaders in California are in doubt as to what should be done. The sensational utterances of a Jingo press are utilized by the equally Jingo press of Japan to foment suspicion and ill will, while our own press engenders the same feeling in our own land. Psychological conditions both in Japan and America are approaching a state in which some startling but really trivial event might easily bring a series of deplorable consequences.

Dr. Gulick and Dr. Scudder, supported by several members of the Commission, are, however, dealing with the situation in a wise and statesmanlike manner. In order to impress upon the Executive Committee the extent and importance of Dr. Gulick's work, I convey the record of his addresses and articles on American-Japanese relations.

The Work of Dr. Gulick.

Dr. Gulick's arrangements for these appointments have been under the immediate direction of Mr. McConoughey, who reports as follows:

HARTFORD, January 19-23.—Daily lectures in Kennedy School of Missions.

HARTFORD, January 21.—Lecture in First Congregational Church.

NEW YORK, January 23.—Lecture at Bible Teachers Training School.

NEW YORK, January 24.—Dinner and Conference with a delegation of Union Seminary Theological Students.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., January 25.—Morning sermon at the First Congregational Church.

NEW YORK, January 25.—Evening sermon at Labor Temple.

PHILADELPHIA, January 30.—Address at Garrick Theater.

WASHINGTON, January 31.—Address before Senate Committee on Immigration.

NEW YORK, February 4.—Address, First Presbyterian Church.

NEW HAVEN, February 5.—Address, Lampson Hall.

HARTFORD, February 7.—Lecture in Kennedy School of Missions.

SPRINGFIELD, February 8.—Sermon at South Congregational Church, followed by discussion.

- NORTHAMPTON, February 8.—Sermon at Union Service in Northampton—Five Churches.
- NORTHAMPTON, February 9.—Address, Smith College Chapel.
- SPRINGFIELD, February 9.—Address, Springfield Board of Trade.
Address to Ministers of Bible Club.
- SPRINGFIELD, February 10.—Address at International Institute.
Address and discussion at Y. M. C. A. Training School.
- BOSTON, February 13.—Address, the Metropolitan Club.
- BOSTON, February 14.—Address, Twentieth Century Club.
Address, Harvard University students in Emerson Hall.
- BOSTON, February 15.—Address at Philips Brooks' House.
Address in South Congregational Church at a special service on Peace.
- BUFFALO, February 16.—Address, special meeting at Y. M. C. A., representative business men and ministers.
- BUFFALO, February 17.—Address, Committee of 100 on Centenary of Peace Celebration.
- CLEVELAND, February 18.—Address, City Club.
Address, Euclid Avenue Presbyterian Church.
- CLEVELAND, February 19.—Address, Western Reserve University Chapel.
Address, Fellowcraft Club.
Address, Suffrage Club.
Address, Men's Club at Calvary Presbyterian Church.
- TOLEDO, February 20.—Address, Commerce Club.
Address, Laymen's Missionary Movement.
- SYRACUSE, February 21.—Address, Syracuse University.
Address, Chamber of Commerce special meeting.
- SYRACUSE, February 22.—Sermon, First Methodist Church.
Address and questions by Men's Class.
Sermon, First Congregational Church.
- NEW YORK, February 23.—Address, Laymen's Missionary Movement Committee.
- NEW YORK, February 27.—Address, New York University.
- NEW YORK, February 28.—Address, League for Political Education at Hudson Theatre.
Address, Republican Club.
- NEW YORK, March 1.—Address, White Plains Presbyterian Church.
Address, West Side Y. M. C. A.
Address, Grace M. E. Church.
- NEW YORK, March 2.—Address, Clerical Conference of N. Y. Federation of Churches.
- BROOKLYN, March 2.—Address, Central Presbyterian Church.
- HARTFORD, March 3.—Two lectures before Kennedy School of Missions.
Address, Business Men's Luncheon.
- HARTFORD, March 4.—Address at General Meeting of the Missions' Institute.
Reception at the home of Dr. Jacobus to members of the Chamber of Commerce, editors, and influential men of Hartford.
- NEW YORK, March 5.—Address, Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York.
- NEW HAVEN, March 6.—Address, Yale Divinity School Chapel.
- SPRINGFIELD, March 6.—Address, Men's Club of Springfield.
- NEW HAVEN, March 7.—Address at the Religious Education Association.

- BALTIMORE, March 8.—Sermon, Associate Congregational Church.
 Sermon, First Baptist Church.
- BALTIMORE, March 9.—Address, Preachers' Meeting.
 Address, City Club (merchants).
 Address, Goucher College.
 Address, Johns Hopkins University.
- WASHINGTON, March 10.—Address Men's Club, Presbyterian Church of the Covenant.
- WASHINGTON, March 11.—Address, Men's Club in All Souls' Unitarian Church.
- YONKERS, March 12.—Address, Men's Club in Warburton Baptist Church.
- NEW YORK, March 13.—Address, Friday Luncheon Club.
 Address, University Forum.
- NEW YORK, March 14.—Address, Japanese Y. M. C. A.
- NEW YORK, March 16.—Address, Vagabond Club (Editors and authors).
 Address, Manufacturers' Association of New York.
- OBERLIN, March 18-27.—Four lectures. Attended by faculty, students and townspeople.
- CHICAGO, March 29.—Sermon, Pilgrim Congregational Church.
- EVANSTON, March 30.—Address, Northwestern University.
- MINNEAPOLIS, April 1.—Address, Civic and Commerce Association.
- MINNEAPOLIS, April 2.—Address, University of Minnesota.
- ST. PAUL, April 2.—Address, Commercial Club.
- MINNEAPOLIS, April 2.—Address, First Presbyterian Church.
- DULUTH, April 3.—Address, Business Men.
- SUPERIOR, April 3.—Address, Commercial Club.
- CHICAGO, April 5.—Sermon, Third Presbyterian Church.
- EVANSTON, April 5.—Address, First Congregational Church.
- CHICAGO, April 5.—Sermon, "Sunday Evening Club."
- CHICAGO, April 6.—Address, Congregational Ministers' Union.
- CHICAGO, April 8.—Address, Commerce Association.
 Address, Japanese Club.
- CHICAGO, April 10.—Address, Woman's Board of the Interior.
 Address, Union of Chicago Y. M. C. A.
- CHICAGO, April 12.—Address, Japanese Y. M. C. A.
- CHICAGO, April 13.—Address, Methodist Ministers' Meeting.
 Address, School of Civics.
- KANSAS CITY, April 17.—Two addresses, Manual Training High School.
 Address, First Congregational Men's Club.
- KANSAS CITY, April 18.—Address, Business Men.
- KANSAS CITY, April 19.—Sermon, Westminster Congregational Church.
 Sermon, Washington Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church.
- KANSAS CITY, April 20.—Address, City Club.
- LIBERTY, Kan., April 20.—Lecture, William Jewell College.
- ST. LOUIS, April 21.—Address, City Club.
- WEBSTER GROVE, Mo., April 21.—Address Presbyterian Church.
- MOUNTAIN LAKES, N. J., April 27.—Address, Business Men.
- NEW YORK, May 1.—Address, Japan Society Executive Committee.
- BROOKLYN, May 3.—Sermon, Pilgrim Congregational Church.
 Sermon, South Congregational Church.
- BROOKLYN, May 10.—Sermon, Bushwick Avenue Congregational Church.
 Sermon, Bedford Avenue Congregational Church.

- NEW YORK, May 11.—Address, Union Seminary Alumni Dinner.
- BRIDGEPORT, Conn., May 12.—Address, Congregational County Association.
- BROOKLYN, May 14.—Address, Manhattan Congregational Association.
- BROOKLYN, May 17.—Sermon, Flatbush Congregational Church.
Sermon, Peace Sunday, Broadway Tabernacle.
- CHICAGO, May 22.—Address, Presbyterian General Assembly.
Lecture, Quadrangle Club, University of Chicago.
- EVANSTON, May 23.—Lecture, University Club.
- STAMFORD, Conn., May 26.—Lecture, Men's Club.
- MOHONK, N. Y., May 29.—Address, Mohonk Peace Conference.
- HANOVER, N. H., May 31.—Sermon, Dartmouth College Church.
- WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, Vt., June 1.—Lecture, Ascutney Congregational Club.
- NEW YORK, June 9.—Lecture, Missionary Conference, Presbyterian Rooms.
- NEW HAVEN, June 14.—Lecture, "Yale in China Mission," Yale University.
- NEW HAVEN, June 17.—Address, Yale Alumni Dinner.
- OBERLIN, June 21.—Annual Sermon on Missions, College Chapel.
- ST. PAUL, July 5.—Sermon, Knox Presbyterian Church.
- MINNEAPOLIS, July 5.—Sermon, First Presbyterian Church.
- ST. PAUL, July 6.—Address, National Education Association.
- SILVER BAY, N. Y., July 12.—Sermon, Missionary Education Movement.
- SILVER BAY, N. Y., July 13.—Lecture, Missionary Education Movement.
- NORTHFIELD, July 15.—Address, Interdenominational Woman's Boards Conference.
- CONSTANCE, Germany, August 2.—Address, Church Peace Conference.
- LONDON, August 6.—Address, American Delegates to Peace Conference.
- CHAUTAUQUA, August 22-26.—Four lectures, Chautauqua Association.
- OBERLIN, August 29.—Address at Reception.
- WARREN, O., September 6.—Sermon, Union Meeting.
- OBERLIN, September 13.—Sermon, Second Congregational Church.
- NEW YORK, October 2.—Address, Japan Society, Dinner of Welcome to President Takata.
- NEW YORK, October 4.—Sermon, Mt. Morris Baptist Church.
Sermon, St. Nicholas Avenue Presbyterian Church.
- DETROIT, October 11.—Sermon, North Congregational Church.
Address, Men's Club North Congregational Church.
Address, Men's Club Y. M. C. A.
Sermon, Union Meeting at First Congregational Church.
- DETROIT, October 12.—Address, Clerical Union.
- DETROIT, October 13.—Address, Chamber of Commerce.
- DETROIT, October 14.—Address, American Board Annual Meeting.
- OBERLIN, October 25.—Sermon, Ohio Student Volunteer Convention.
- BROOKLYN, November 8.—Sermon, Park Slope Congregational Church.
- MONTCLAIR, N. J., November 22.—Address, overflow Peace Meeting.

"Since this date Dr. Gulick has continued this pace and he plans to do so until he sails from San Francisco.

"In connection with over fifty of these addresses Dr. Gulick was the guest of the day either at luncheon or at dinner.

"During this period of travel and speaking Dr. Gulick has been able to interview many leaders in both the religious and the political world. Among the latter the more significant are probably the following:

President Wilson.—February 2d.

Secretary Bryan.—February 2d and October 6th.

Senator Smith of South Carolina, Chairman Senate Committee on Immigration.—February 2d.

Senator Dillingham, Member of the Senate Committee on Immigration.—January 29th, February 2d and February 24th.

Senator Burton, Member of the Senate Committee on Immigration.—January 29th, February 2d and October 6th.

Ambassador Viscount Chinda, five times.

A. W. Parker, Bureau of Immigration.

William H. Husband, Industrial Relations Commission.

Hon. Anthony Caminetti, Commissioner General of Immigration.

R. F. Crist, Bureau of Naturalization.

Richard Kenna Campbell, Head of Bureau of Naturalization.

Hon. John W. Foster.—January 29th.

Hon. H. B. F. Macfarland.—February 26th.

Hon. William B. Wilson, Secretary of Labor.—March 11th.

Frank Morrison, Secretary of American Federation of Labor.—March 10th and October 6th.

Samuel Gompers, President of American Federation of Labor.—October 6th.

"Dr. Gulick is also in close and friendly touch with leading Japanese in America, such as Consul General Numano, of San Francisco; Consul General Nakamura, of New York, and Dr. Takamine, discoverer, inventor and unofficial leader of the Japanese community in America.

"He visited Washington with Dr. Macfarland in October for the purpose of laying before Secretary Bryan and President Wilson certain considerations in regard to the situation in California and evidences of the increasing tension between Japan and America. The pressure of duties prevented the President from meeting them, but the matter was later presented by letter. At that time President Gompers and Secretary Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor, granted them a long interview that promises a better mutual understanding in the future.

"As significant probably as any other single experience, however, was Dr. Gulick's reception by several leaders of the American Federation of Labor from California, attending the National Convention in Philadelphia, November 9th to 20th, to whom he was introduced by Dr. Macfarland, who accompanied him. Dr. Gulick was able so to present his proposals to these individuals as to win their personal friendship and their offer to help him meet other leaders when he visits California.

"He has made use of his pen no less than of his voice. His volume on the "American-Japanese Problem" was issued in April and at once was ranked as an important contribution to the discussion not only of the Japanese question but of the entire issue raised by the so-called "Yellow Peril." Japanese scholars, statesmen and diplomats have given its proposals

cordial approval. American students of sociological, political and international problems have accorded it high place as an authority on the subject with which it deals.

"Two pamphlets have also been published giving the substance of Dr. Gulick's address before the Senate Committee on Immigration and an exposition of the main points of his New Oriental Policy. Some 20,000 copies of this pamphlet have been freely distributed. A revised edition of 10,000 copies has been published for use during the coming winter.

"Dr Gulick has also prepared a number of articles that have been widely used. About twenty individual articles have been published in separate papers. The Survey syndicated an article on the Oriental Problem to a hundred and fifty dailies. The *American Leader* published two articles which went to some 650 foreign language papers published in the United States. The Federal Council syndicated to some 500 religious and secular papers Dr. Gulick's article, "Japan's Attitude to America." The Church Peace Union sent copies of "The Responsibilities of Pastors and Educators in the Solution of America's Oriental Problem" to 10,000 ministers. The secular and religious press has used extensive extracts from the pamphlet mentioned above. Wherever Dr. Gulick has spoken, the daily press has given his message wide circulation, using freely of the printed abstract prepared in advance for the purpose. Wide publicity has been given his work."

Dr. Gulick's message has aroused increasingly deep interest on the part of ministers, editors and laymen. Requests for his services come in from all over the country, far in excess of ability to comply with them.

In a strong editorial in the *Independent*, Mr. Hamilton Holt writes: "Now that Dr. De Forest and Dr. Greene (both former Japanese correspondents of the *Independent*) have passed away, Professor Gulick is perhaps the best informed living American on Japan and things Japanese. * * * The Federal Council of Churches should see to it that his furlough is prolonged until, at least, he has time to deliver his message in every city and county in California, Oregon and Washington. * * * We commend his views in general to the people of the United States and in particular to the President, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Labor, Congress and the Governor and Legislature of California." Mr. Holt speaks of Dr. Gulick's message as "extraordinarily able and trenchant."

President Charles F. Thwing, of the Western Reserve University writes: "Dr. Gulick is doing good work. No method would be more effective." Dr. James L. Barton, of the American Board: "I am convinced that the services rendered to the cause of immigration laws by Dr. Gulick are invaluable. J. D. Keppel, of the American Association for International Conciliation: "I am glad that Dr. Gulick's lecture tour is proving to be such a success." Professor Beach, of Yale University: "Per-

sonally, I regard Dr. Gulick as the foremost representative of America in Japan, and think of his utterance as extremely valuable as looking toward a solution of our differences with that Empire." Rev. J. L. Kilbon, who handled arrangements in the vicinity of Springfield: "I know Dr. Gulick's message has produced great impression on those who have heard him. I find him a very agreeable man to work with." President Faunce, of Brown University: "I believe Dr. Gulick's work in America cannot be overestimated. It is important and invaluable at the present crisis." Many such commendations are being received.

Mr. McConoughey expresses himself as having been greatly impressed with the way in which Dr. Gulick throws his personality into his message. Upon many of the fourteen occasions when he has heard him, Dr. Gulick's audiences have requested him, so keen has been the interest, to extend his address.

The Secretary met President John Claflin and other business men at lunch on the occasion of his address at the New York Chamber of Commerce, all of whom expressed deep interest in the proposal to approach the Eastern question from the point of view of Christian principles as expressed by the churches, and gave it warm approval.

The latest important action of the Commission is a Memorial to Congress, as follows:

An Appeal to Congress and the People of the United States for an Adequate Oriental Policy.

"The awakening of Asia and her rapid acquisition of important elements of occidental civilization inaugurates a new era in world-history in which Asia is to play a new and increasingly important role. Whether that role shall be one of peace, goodwill and mutual co-operation, or one controlled by increasing suspicion and fear between the East and the West will depend largely on the attitude of the western nations themselves.

"It has seemed to many of our citizens who have become familiar with the questions raised by this more intimate and ever increasing contact with the Orient that the United States might well adopt a more adequate Oriental policy. Therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, That the Commission on Relations with Japan appointed by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America urge upon Congress and upon the people of the United States the importance of adopting an Oriental policy based upon a just and equitable regard for the interests of all the nations concerned, and to this end suggests that the entire immigration problem be taken up at an early date, providing for comprehensive legislation covering all phases of the question (such as the limitation of immigration and the registration, distribution, employment, education, and naturalization of immigrants) in such

a way as to conserve American institutions, to protect American labor from dangerous economic competition, and to promote an intelligent and enduring friendliness among the people of all nations.

(Signed) CHARLES R. BROWN
HAMILTON HOLT
WILLIAM I. HAVEN
CHARLES R. HENDERSON
E. R. HENDRIX
JEREMIAH W. JENKS
ALBERT G. LAWSON
FREDERICK LYNCH
FRANCIS J. MCCONNELL
JOHN R. MOTT
FRANK MASON NORTH
DOREMUS SCUDDER
ROBERT E. SPEER
GEORGE E. VINCENT
AMOS P. WILDER
SIDNEY L. GULICK, *Representative on
International Relations*
CHARLES S. MACFARLAND, *Secretary
Commission on Relations with Japan, ap-
pointed by the Federal Council of the
Churches of Christ in America.*

"December 16, 1914."

This memorial was also sent to the President and his cabinet, and has been formally introduced in Congress. Many letters have come from the Senators and Representatives expressing warm approval of this action, some of them urging that the Commission should go farther and make more definite recommendations and plans to carry out the spirit of these resolutions. Several members of Congress have expressed deep gratification that the Christian sentiment should thus endeavor to express itself in our international relations.

Dr. Gulick's attendance on the International Church Peace Congress at Constance enabled him to meet many national Christian leaders, both American and British. The European tragedy throws lurid light on the frightful possibilities that may arise in the relations of East and West, unless the churches can persuade the nation to keep its solemn treaties with Japan and China and continue a course of justice, righteousness and genuine good-will.

I am sure that the Commission on Relations with Japan is to accomplish a real mission in national and international morals. The sending of our President, Prof. Shailer Mathews, and Dr. Gulick, as ambassadors of the Churches to Japan has aroused wide comment and brought forth many expressions of approval on the part of the press and our church leaders. With the approval of the Executive Committee they propose to sail on January 9, 1915.

PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION.

Moral Tone.

The Executive Committee took the following action at Baltimore:

"Resolved, That the Secretary of the Council be instructed to continue the securing of memorials from constituent bodies and local conferences and the forwarding of them to the mayor of San Francisco and the Panama Exposition authorities, urging the necessity for maintaining the high moral tone which we are assured by these officials is being sought by them by constant and watchful action to prevent the misuse of the occasion by commercialized iniquity."

These instructions have been carried out, and recently action has been taken on the part of various organizations for social service.

I have placed in the hands of representatives of the social service organizations the information gained by our investigation. The matter has also been communicated to the Committee of One Hundred for Religious Work at the Panama Exposition. The social workers generally feel that a national protest should be voiced against the apparent lack of administrative facilities for insuring within San Francisco and the exposition grounds high standards of morality during the exposition.

Definite measures have been recommended to the executives of the Exposition to provide for the convenience and protection of women. The feeling has been expressed that the Exposition authorities ought to take an attitude which will not only insure high moral standards within the Exposition grounds but also in and about the city itself.

Now that the co-operation of the social service organizations has been secured, I would recommend that our Executive Committee take action again and that we request the various religious bodies to repeat their previous memorials to the Exposition authorities and to the municipal officers of the City of San Francisco.

My inquiries while in San Francisco, supplemented by continuous inquiries ever since, convince me that adequate provision has not been made to secure a high *morale* for the Exposition, more especially for its surroundings in the city. I would recommend that we commission the Committee of One Hundred and if necessary a special committee, or perhaps the Committee of the Social organizations, to represent the Federal Council in dealing fairly and squarely with this situation.

Committee of One Hundred for Religious Activities.

Following the last meeting of the Executive Committee arrangements were made with the various bodies co-operating with the Committee of One Hundred, the membership of the Committee was completed, and upon the election of Rev. Henry H. Bell as Executive Secretary, the entire arrangements for religious work in connection with the Exposition were turned over to Dr. Bell, who will make a report from the Committee to the Executive Committee.

CONSTITUENT BODIES OF THE COUNCIL.

There is no doubt but what the relationship between the Federal Council and its constituent bodies, and through the Federal Council, the relationships of the constituent bodies themselves, are being rapidly deepened and made more effective. The conference and correspondence between the official representatives and committees of the various denominations and the office of the Federal Council have been very considerable during the past year.

Formal reports have been sent in the name of the Executive Committee to all of the denominations which have met during the year, printed copies of which have also been circulated among the delegates to the various national assemblies, which have been held as follows:

- General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.
- General Conference of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America.
- General Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S.
- General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.
- General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S.
- General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.
- General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America.
- General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.
- Northern Baptist Convention.
- Seventh-Day Baptist General Conference.
- General Conference of the Mennonites of North America.
- National Baptist Convention.
- General Conference of the United Evangelical Church.
- Convention, Disciples of Christ.
- American Christian Convention.

The Secretary attended these assemblies as the representative of the Council with the exception of the United Presbyterian Assembly, which was attended by Rev. W. E. Biederwolf, Secretary of the Commission on Evangelism; the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, where Dr. Biederwolf also served as our representative; the National Baptist Con-

vention, the Convention of the Disciples of Christ, and the United Evangelical General Conference, which were attended by the Associate Secretary, Rev. Henry K. Carroll.

Prof. Shailer Mathews also attended the Convention of the Disciples of Christ. The Secretary participated in the National Congress of United Brethren men at Dayton, in May, and addressed one of its evening sessions.

The other bodies which could not be reached this year, will be visited at their next meeting.

Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The Southern Presbyterian Assembly at Kansas City gave most sympathetic consideration to the proposals conveyed to the Assembly by the Secretary of the Federal Council who met with the Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence regarding the various reports of the Council. The following action was taken:

"The Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence would report that there has come into our hands:

1. A statement of principles of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. We have given most careful attention to this statement of principles underlying and guiding the development of the work of the Council, and find such safeguards and limitations as to denominational autonomy of the constituent bodies, that we can and do most heartily recommend their approval.

2. A summary of the report of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, together with the address of its Secretary, Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, before the Assembly. We note with pleasure the report of its wide and general activities and commend its various lines of work as therein outlined. We especially recommend the approval of the Council's program concerning an increase of chaplains in the United States army and navy, a campaign of religious activity and evangelism in connection with the Panama-Pacific Exposition, and the establishment of an office at Washington, D. C., with Rev. Henry K. Carroll as Associate Secretary, in charge.

3. A letter from the Presbyterian Church, of New Zealand, in regard to measures to be adopted in furtherance of international peace, and a letter from Rev. Henry K. Carroll, Associate Secretary of the Federal Council, relative to the plan of the American Peace Centenary Committee to celebrate on Sunday, February 14, 1915, the centenary of the Treaty of Ghent. Since these two matters are so closely allied, we recommend that, inasmuch as the Federal Council has a special Commission on Peace and Arbitration and is arranging a special peace program, that these matters be referred to such Commission, and that our Synods, Presbyteries and churches co-operate as far as they find it expedient or advisable."

The Assembly also adopted a report on Christian Faith and Social Service which contained the following expression of sympathy with the Federal Council's Commission on the Church and Social Service:

"Our churches cordially recognize and encourage the Federal Council as affording a common ground where all who love and serve our Lord Jesus Christ may meet for conference and co-operation in the vast and holy enterprise of Christian Social Service, and, to the end that these conferences may continue to be truly Christian and this co-operation really effective, the representatives of our Churches in the Executive Committee of the Federal Council be directed to endeavor at all times to have the Federal Council distinctly recognize the great truths of the Christian Faith held in common by the Evangelical Churches and thus avoid and allay misunderstandings. Further, that these representatives be directed to report to the subsequent Assemblies and Synods the result of their endeavors."

I would recommend that the Executive Committee make a warmly sympathetic response to this appropriate and timely statement of this Assembly, and also to the Assemblies of the United Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. of A., this having been a joint report adopted by three Assemblies.

I had full opportunity to confer with the Committee on Foreign Correspondence relative to the entire scope of our work in all the aspects of which the Committee expressed full sympathy, including especially the work of the Commission on Relations with Japan.

Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

The Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. at Chicago took the following action:

"Resolved, (1) That the General Assembly again affirms its sympathy with the purposes of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and its interest in the progress of the work of the Council. It advises its representatives to advocate caution in connection with action upon all subjects which are upon the border line of the two independent jurisdictions of the Church and the State, lest there should be intrusion by the Church, into the sphere of duty of the civil magistrate, 'Whom God the Supreme Lord and King of all the world hath ordained to be under Him, over the people, for His own glory and the public good.'"

"Resolved, (2) That the Assembly reaffirms the action of the Assembly of 1913, heartily approving of the recognition by the Council of some of those social needs which the Christian Church has so long pointed out, and called on men, in the name of God, to supply. At the same time, the Assembly ex-

presses its conviction, that the power of the Gospel as the source of all true social progress should be increasingly recognized by the Council in its advocacy of social service."

The Secretary received the usual warm welcome at this Assembly which, at his request, took by telegram the following immediate action:

"Resolved, That we approve in full the action of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America as recorded in the Report of the Federal Council's Executive Committee to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., relative to the increase of Chaplains in the Navy and the creation of the grade of Acting Chaplain.

"That a report of this action be conveyed to the President, the Secretary of the Navy, the Naval Committees, and the members of Congress, through the Rev. H. K. Carroll, Associate Secretary of the Federal Council, at Washington."

Reformed Presbyterian General Synod.

The Reformed Presbyterian General Synod not only took its customary hearty action, but voluntarily increased its financial apportionment beyond the specified requirement.

Colored M. E. Church in America.

It was a special pleasure to attend the General Conference of the Colored M. E. Church in America, at St. Louis, where I received a most enthusiastic welcome. Our colored brethren are deeply appreciative of their relationship with the other Christian bodies through the Federal Council. The address of Prof. John W. Gilbert in response to my address was eloquent and especially illuminative in its reference to what this great fellowship means to the brethren of the colored race. The Conference passed strong resolutions on Peace and Arbitration, offering their heartiest co-operation to the Federal Council Commission, and sent a message of appreciation by the Secretary to the M. E. Church South.

They also prepared memorials to be submitted to the Federal Council regarding larger consideration of justice to the colored race on the part of the press; asking special provision for the colored workmen in connection with the religious campaign at the Panama-Pacific Exposition; asking the Federal Council to appoint a commission or committee to have special consideration of the needs and interests of the colored race, and to put in operation helpful measures for larger co-operation between the colored denominations and the other constituent bodies of the Federal Council in such ways as may be appropriate and practical. I would recommend such action by the Executive Committee.

M. E. Church South.

I spent several days at the General Conference of the M. E. Church South, at Oklahoma City, held several conferences with its various committees, and found a rapidly deepening loyalty to the common work as embodied in the Federal Council.

The Conference unanimously adopted the social and industrial platform of the Federal Council, and gave larger attention than ever before to the distinctively social aspects of Christian evangelization.

Reformed Church in the U. S. A.

In company with Dr. Biederwolf I visited the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S. A., at Lancaster, Pa. The report of the Federal Council delegates, presented by a Federal Council veteran, Rev. J. Spangler Kiefer, was unhesitating in its expression of confidence in the Federal Council. The Synod took its usual attitude of immediate sympathy towards the social activities of the Council and in general matters of co-operation and unity.

Reformed Church in America.

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America met as usual in Asbury Park. At this meeting Dr. Biederwolf secured a deep interest in the work of the Commission on Evangelism, and the Synod indicated its usual readiness to refer all matters of the larger Christian interest to the Federal Council.

Northern Baptist Convention.

The Northern Baptist Convention, which met this year at Boston, seldom gives place, owing to the large amount of business which it transacts, to the representatives of other than its own denominational bodies. Exception was made for the Secretary of the Federal Council, who was permitted to speak in seconding the report of the Baptist delegates. This report outlined the various activities of the Federal Council, including especially the new Commission on Relations with Japan, and recommended the approval of these movements, which the Convention unanimously gave.

Seventh Day Baptist Conference.

The Seventh Day Baptist General Conference at Alfred, N. Y., at which Dr. Biederwolf served as our representative, especially commended the work in connection with the Panama-Pa-

cific Exposition, the Commission on Relations with Japan, and the social service campaign for one day in seven for industrial workers.

Mennonite General Conference.

It was the intention of the Secretary to attend this conference at Meno, Oklahoma, but he was prevented at the last moment by illness. He therefore sent the following telegram:

"Illness prevents my attending the conference. I expected to be with you and I am deeply disappointed. I am sending you the official report by mail. Please take action in all matters in the report which I trust will meet with your approval and enlist your co-operation with the other constituent bodies of the Federal Council. I send you greetings in behalf of the other twenty-nine denominations of the Federal Council. Please send me reports of the conference. God bless you and yours.

"CHARLES S. MACFARLAND."

At this conference some question was raised as to whether or not the Federal Council was a sufficient help to the Mennonite churches. The report of the delegates was approved and it was voted that the conference continue its relation with the Federal Council. A committee of five was appointed to bring before the next General Conference a statement regarding the work of denominational co-operation. Such action as this on the part of the Mennonite Conference is very helpful. It shows that these constituent bodies are taking the whole situation seriously and that they regard the Federal Council as something more than a body which shall merely express good fellowship. This leads them to look into other relationships with the Council and to take under advisement the question of their own denominational autonomy, and in this way to make their association with other Christian denominations one which will really mean something.

Indeed there has been no instance when such a consideration has not led to increased confidence in the federative movement, although at the same time it also guards us against assuming prerogatives which the constituent bodies may not choose to give the Council.

Disciples of Christ.

The General Convention of the Disciples of Christ accorded President Mathews and Dr. Carroll a hearty welcome and adopted the report of its Commission on Christian Union, affirming its sympathy with the purpose and plans of the Federal Council. The increasing interest of the Disciples of Christ and its General Convention is manifested by the increasing financial support which comes from this body.

American Christian Convention.

I have never met with any of our constituent bodies with greater joy and encouragement than that occasioned by my visit for two days with the American Christian Convention at Springfield, Ohio. I was called upon to make three addresses during the Convention on the general work of the Federal Council, the subject of Social Service, and Peace and Arbitration.

The Federal Council delegates presented a full report, making clear the entire scope of the work of the Council, which was not only unanimously adopted, but was received with what might fairly be called enthusiastic approval. The denominational organ, *The Herald of Gospel Liberty*, in reporting the convention, says: "As the American Christian Convention is the greatest unit of power for our body of Christians, even so is the Federal Council the greatest unit of power for all the Christians in America. It is the voice of the whole body of believers in this fair land of ours."

United Evangelical Conference.

This conference, visited by Dr. Carroll, expressed its pleasure at the choice of Dr. Carroll as the representative of the Council, owing to important services which he had rendered that denomination in years past, and took the following action:

"WHEREAS, In the providence of God, the time has come when it seems fitting more fully to manifest the essential oneness of the Christian Churches in America, in Jesus as their Divine Lord and Saviour, and to promote the spirit of fellowship, service and co-operation among men; and,

"WHEREAS, The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America shall have no authority over the constituent bodies adhering to it; but its province shall be limited to the expression of its counsel and recommendation of a course of action in matters of common interest to the churches, local councils and individual Christians; and

"WHEREAS, It has no authority to draw up a common creed or form of government or of worship, or in any way to limit the full autonomy of the Christian bodies adhering to it; therefore,

"Resolved, That we recommend the continuance of our representation in the Council and that a representative be appointed whose duty it shall be to attend the meeting of the Council and furnish a report to the next General Conference.

"That we, in accord with the action of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, do earnestly urge the city government of San Francisco and the Board of Directors of the Exposition to adopt every means to prevent the exploitation of the Exposition by commercialized vice and to protect the visitors to San Francisco from such influence as would tend to lower public morals and injure the good name of San Francisco and America.

"WHEREAS, the Proceedings of the Second Quadrennial Conference of the Federal Council held in Chicago, December 4, 1912, have been issued in a Journal of 135 pages and our work of the Council and the addresses delivered appear more fully in a work entitled, "Christian Unity at Work," edited by Rev. Dr. Charles S. Macfarland and printed by the Publishing House of the United Evangelical Church:

"Resolved, That these publications have permanent value for the ministers and laity of our Church and that we recommend their circulation.

"We recommend that a Commission on Evangelism be constituted to be composed of the Bishops and Church editors, and that this commission co-operate with the General Commission of Evangelism of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and that the other functions of this Commission shall be as follows:

- a. To furnish Evangelistic information;
- b. To supply Evangelistic literature;
- c. To supply Evangelists where possible;
- d. To act in an advisory capacity in relation to the standing and employment of Evangelists."

Other Constituent Bodies.

The other constituent bodies may be said to share the attitude of those to which I have made special reference.

The National (Colored) Baptist Convention, at Philadelphia, as Dr. Carroll reports, expresses a desire, as did the Colored M. E. Conference, for a larger share in our work.

At the Men's Congress of the United Brethren a set of resolutions was passed expressing the sympathy of the men of this denomination in the common work, as expressed in and through the Federal Council.

The other bodies meeting this year, at which their own denominational delegates served as our special representatives, all report a deepening interest, and the co-operation of the Protestant Episcopal Commissions on Christian Unity and Social Service has been increased with great effectiveness. There came to us from many sources expressions of deep and sincere interest on the part of various bodies and individuals of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and there is no doubt but what a real relationship is being established with this communion, although with less official formality than with the other constituent bodies.

At most of the denominational assemblies the whole question of relationship with the Federal Council, and through it, with other Evangelical bodies, is assumed as obvious. I think it is true to say that the measure of their interest and enthusiasm is largely determined by the extent to which these bodies actually participate in the work of the Council. There has been no

case, when the matter of relationship of a constituent body with the Federal Council has been brought into question, which was not the result of a want of thorough understanding. The statement of principles adopted by the Executive Committee at Baltimore has been of very great help in explaining the important and delicate relationship between denominational autonomy and united action. It is worth noting that the Federal Council has never made an important utterance in expression of the common consciousness and conscience of the churches, and has never taken any important action involving its constituent bodies, which has been seriously brought in question. Indeed every such utterance and action has received the approval of the constituent bodies, either by definite action, or by approval of the reports of the Council which contain its utterances and its actions in full.

The Statement of Principles adopted last year at Baltimore has received the approval of all the bodies which have met during this year.

At the present moment we are dealing with several matters which are delicate in proportion to their importance. They are, however, in the hands of wise and statesmanlike men, representing all of these constituent bodies, and they are pursuing a course which makes us reasonably sure that we are carrying out the spirit and the desire of our constituent bodies. There are probably less differences, as to matters of policy, in the administration of the Federal Council, than in the administration of any one of the denominations.

THE COMMISSIONS OF THE COUNCIL.

I will report in full only regarding those commissions of which I serve as the Executive Secretary. The other commissions will present special reports.

Commission on Peace and Arbitration.

The Administrative Committee, at its January meeting, took the following action relative to this Commission:

"Voted, That in response to the recommendation of the Chairman of the Commission on Peace and Arbitration, Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, the Secretary of the Federal Council and the Secretary of the Commission on Peace and Arbitration, be authorized to participate in negotiations relative to a world-wide movement for international peace, in association with the various church bodies of America and other nations, and to report the plans and progress of the movement to the Administrative Committee."

These instructions were carried out through co-operation between the Commission and the Church Peace Union. The Church Peace Union is a corporation consisting of twenty-eight trustees selected from Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish bodies. In a large proportion of its work it calls for the co-operation of the Federal Council so far as the Protestant churches are concerned. Therefore, it will be noted that this Commission has been constantly working with the Church Peace Union, of which the Chairman of the Commission, Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, the President of the Federal Council, Professor Shailer Mathews, the Secretary of the Federal Council, and many other of the Council's official representatives, are trustees.

The Commission on Peace and Arbitration was also instrumental in securing the necessary financial support for the Commission on Relations with Japan, and Dr. Gulick serves as the representative on International Relations for the Commission on Peace and Arbitration. The Commission met on April 21st and took the following action:

1. A Committee of Direction was elected to consist of the following members:

Rev. J. B. Remensnyder	Rev. James S. Kittell
Rev. Howard A. Bridgman	Rev. Frederick Lynch
Rev. Arthur J. Brown	John R. Mott
Pres. W. H. P. Faunce	Rev. Philip S. Moxom
Rt. Rev. David H. Greer	George A. Plimpton
Bishop John W. Hamilton	Henry Wade Rogers
Rev. William I. Haven	William H. Short
Hamilton Holt	Daniel F. Smiley
Rev. Charles E. Jefferson	Bishop Luther B. Wilson
Charles E. Jennings	James Wood

2. Rev. Charles S. Macfarland was elected as Secretary of the Commission to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. Frederick Lynch.

3. Rev. Sidney L. Gulick was elected Representative on International Relations.

4. It was voted that Rev. Henry K. Carroll should serve as the representative of the Commission at Washington, D. C.

5. It was voted that the Commission co-operate with the Committee on the Celebration of the Treaty of Ghent.

6. It was ordered that the Secretary should send letters to 50,000 pastors and churches, inviting them to observe Sunday, May 17th, as Peace Sunday, and that literature be sent them, including material to assist in the preparation of a peace sermon to be prepared by Rev. Frederick Lynch, and a printed copy of a notable peace sermon recently preached by Rev.

Charles E. Jefferson, and that the Secretary be further authorized to print a peace hymn, with suitable prayer and Scripture selections in five hundred leading newspapers.

7. It was voted that the Commission offer to co-operate with the Church Peace Union in all ways whereby the forces of the Federal Council might be applied in this interest.

8. Warm appreciation was expressed for the recent appeal issued by the Conference of the Evangelical Churches of Switzerland, and the Secretary of the Commission and the Committee of Direction were empowered to assist in arranging for any international, or other conference of the churches to be held in the interest of international peace.

Relations With Mexico.

At this meeting the matter of relations between the United States and Mexico was considered, and after full discussion, a committee was appointed to draw up resolutions, consisting of Rev. Charles E. Jefferson, Rev. Philip S. Moxom, Bishop Luther B. Wilson, Daniel F. Smiley, and William H. Short.

The following utterance was, by order of the meeting, conveyed to the President of the United States, both by telegram and letter, to the Secretary of State, the President's Cabinet, to all members of Congress, and to the religious press:

April 21, 1914.

We, representatives of the federated forces of seventeen million Christians in the United States, desire to put on record our steadfast friendship for the Mexican people, and to express our sympathy with them in the disorders which now trouble their country. That a way out of their distresses may be found is our earnest and constant hope. We wish them prosperity and peace.

We wish further to express our conviction that the thought of war between Mexico and the United States is abhorrent to the vast majority of our people. The citizens of our Republic want no war with our southern neighbor, nor do they desire to dominate it, or to interfere with its internal affairs, but on the other hand they desire cordial relations and friendly intercourse.

We rejoice that in our President and our Secretary of State we have men who are lovers of peace, and whose purpose it is to maintain peace, if at all possible, not only with Mexico but with all the nations of the earth. That the purpose of our President and his councillors shall be carried out is not only our hope, but our confident expectation.

We wish to assure our representatives and senators at Washington that the voices clamoring for war do not represent the sentiment of the sane and substantial people of our Republic, and we would remind them that the few newspapers which would hurry the government to extreme measures are voicing the wishes, not of patriotic and disinterested citizens, but of mischiefmakers and of certain vested interests whose aggrandizement is furthered by war.

"Blessed are the peacemakers"—so we believe—and we are confident that the glory of the present administration will be enhanced and its fame augmented, not by the slaughter of tens of thousands of the young men of the two republics, but by the peaceful solution of a difficult and vexing problem, by the forbearance and long-suffering and calm wisdom of a Christian statesmanship.

REV. J. B. REMENSNYDER,

Chairman;

REV. CHARLES S. MACFARLAND,

Secretary;

REV. PETER AINSLIE,

REV. ARTHUR J. BROWN,

HAMILTON HOLT,

REV. CHARLES E. JEFFERSON,

CHARLES E. JENNINGS,

REV. ALBERT G. LAWSON,

REV. RIVINGTON D. LORD,

REV. FREDERICK LYNCH,

REV. GEORGE A. MILLER,

REV. PHILIP S. MOXOM,

WILLIAM H. SHORT,

DANIEL F. SMILEY,

BISHOP LUTHER B. WILSON,

JAMES WOOD,

*Committee of the Commission on Peace and Arbitration of the
Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.*

President Wilson replied as follows to this telegram:

"THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON,

April 21, 1914

"MY DEAR DR. REMENSNYDER:

"I have received the telegram of April 21st from yourself and your associates, and heartily appreciate your sympathetic interest and goodwill.

"I still hope and pray that we will have no war.

"Cordially and sincerely yours,

(Signed)

WOODROW WILSON."

"Rev. J. B. Remensnyder

900 Madison Avenue

New York City."

Peace Sunday.

Immediately after this the following letter was mailed to 50,000 pastors:

April 30, 1914.

Dear Friend:

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, in co-operation with the various peace organizations, recommends that the Sunday nearest the anniversary of the first Hague Conference be observed by all the churches. The churches of Great Britain have taken similar action and the public schools of the United States are observing May 18th as Peace Day.

Will you take Sunday, May 17th, as an opportunity to speak upon the movement to substitute judicial methods in place of warfare, arbitration instead of battles, good will and brotherly co-operation for national selfishness, hatred, and disorder?

The last two years have witnessed some sad examples of conflict, lust, and human hatred. Over three hundred thousand have been killed in the Balkan States and during this very

year thousands of women and little children have frozen and starved to death and in the end all concerned are infinitely worse off than ever before. The Balkan affair is a striking exhibition of the futility of war as a means of settling international disputes and securing the common weal. The unspeakable atrocities of these two years of carnage should surely convince Christian people that war is contrary to a Christian civilization.

On the other hand there is a great world-wide movement for world peace. The Federal Council has entered upon a peace campaign, international in scope and reaching to the antipodes. The Council has secured the services of Rev. Sidney L. Gulick, of Japan, to assist in work directed by a Committee on Relations with Japan, which is to take up this question of international and race relationships from the point of view of the Christian gospel. The plans of this Committee are of great moment.

We urge that you speak more emphatically than ever this year. Churches in other parts of the world are awakening and are calling to us, as the enclosed appeal from our sister churches in Switzerland reveals.

Last May about twenty-five thousand sermons were preached. We hope this year for seventy-five thousand.

We are sending some literature under another cover, more of which may be obtained on application. Please have your sermon fully reported in your newspapers and send copies to us. Have your papers print this letter also.

In this time of crisis we need to pray earnestly for the wisdom of God to direct us as a nation. Will you not, therefore, in connection with your services, turn the hearts of your people to prayer, earnestly beseeching God to guide both the United States and Mexico to a peaceful solution of the difficulties existing between them.

Sincerely yours,

CHARLES S. MACFARLAND, *Secretary.*

Plates containing a Peace Hymn were sent to five hundred daily newspapers, and a large proportion of them printed this hymn, with the music, in their issues of May 16th and 17th.

The response to the call for Peace Sunday was very much greater than usual this year, owing to the Mexican situation. In all probability practically all the churches observed the day. In this matter the Commission co-operated with the Church Peace Union, through whom the Roman Catholic and Jewish bodies were also reached.

The Church Peace Congress at Constance, Germany, and London, England.

The Administrative Committee of the Federal Council took the following actions June 11, 1914:

"Voted, that in response to the request from the Federal Council Commission on Peace and Arbitration, the Administrative Committee approves the joint plans of the Church Peace

Union of America and the Associated Councils of Churches in the British and German Empires for a Congress on international peace to be held at Constance, August, 1914, of whose Committee of Arrangements the Secretary of the Federal Council is a member."

"That the Secretary of the Council, Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, and the representative of the Commission on Relations with Japan, Rev. Sidney L. Gulick, be elected as Executive delegates to the Congress."

"*Voted*, that the following additional delegates nominated by the Federal Council Commission on Peace and Arbitration be also appointed as delegates to the Congress:

Atterbury, Rev. Anson P.
Abbott, Rev. Ernest Hamlin
Ainslie, Rev. Peter
Anderson, Rev. William F.
Baines-Griffiths, Rev. David
Batten, Rev. Samuel Z.
Bitting, Rev. W. C.
Boynton, Rev. Nehemiah
Bridgman, Rev. Howard A.
Brown, Rev. William Adams
Day, Rev. Jonathan
Dickie, Rev. Samuel
Douglas, Rev. George William
Finley, Pres. John H.
Gardiner, Robert H.
Good, Rev. James I.
Hall, Rev. Thomas C.
Hamilton, Rev. John W.
Hendrix, Rev. E. R.
Holt, Hamilton
Horr, Rev. George E.
Joy, James R.
Laidlaw, Rev. Walter

Leibert, Rt. Rev. M. W.
Lord, Rev. Rivington D.
Lynch, Rev. Frederick
Lyon, D. Willard
MacCracken, Rev. Henry M.
Merrill, Rev. William P.
Minton, Rev. Henry C.
Moxom, Rev. Philip S.
Nasmyth, George W.
Nuelsen, Bishop J. L.
Roberts, Rev. William H.
Richards, Rev. T. T.
Rogers, Henry Wade
Spencer, Rev. Claudius B.
Taylor, Rev. Graham
Thompson, Rev. Charles L.
Tipple, Rev. Ezra Squier
Tryon, Rev. J. L.
Vance, Rev. James I.
Wenner, Rev. George U.
Wilson, Bishop Luther B.
Winchester, Rt. Rev. James R.
Woelfkin, Rev. Cornelius

"*Voted*, That these delegates be requested to have a meeting at the close of the Congress and prepare a report to be submitted to the Commission on Peace and Arbitration and to the Federal Council."

The delegates to the Constance Conference will submit a special report to the Executive Committee. There has also been printed a pamphlet entitled "The Churches of Christ in America and International Peace," which consists of the address made by the Secretary to the Conference at Constance, which was printed for distribution, both in English and in German.

Action Concerning the European War.

Immediately upon the outbreak of the war, Dr. Carroll called a meeting of the Commission to consider the whole situation. At this meeting Rabbi H. Pereira Mendes, of the Union of Hebrew Congregations, was also present by invitation. Arrangements were made for a weekly meeting of prayer. Upon the return of Dr. Gulick and the Secretary from Europe, a joint meeting was called on August 17th, of members of the Executive and Administrative Committees of the Federal Council, the Commission on Peace and Arbitration, and the Commission on Relations with Japan. The report of the delegates at Constance was approved, and its recommendations were adopted.

The following communication was, by instruction of this meeting, conveyed to the President of the United States:

THE PRESIDENT,
WASHINGTON, D. C.,

August 20, 1914.

Sir:

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America at a meeting Monday, August 17, 1914, adopted the following resolutions and instructed its Associate Secretary, Rev. H. K. Carroll, to present them to you.

1. That the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America hereby expresses to President Wilson its profound gratitude and appreciation of his action in offering the services of the United States in mediation between the European powers now at war and earnestly requests him to renew this offer on the first favorable occasion, either alone or jointly with other neutral nations signatory to the Hague Convention for the pacific settlement of international disputes.

2. That the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America cordially endorses the position taken by the Administration disapproving of loans by American capitalists for belligerent purposes and earnestly hopes that the position will be maintained since such loans would diminish our ability to assist neutral nations which, without their fault, suffer from the derangement of business, would not only help to prolong the war in Europe, but also impoverish and cripple our own innocent people by draining our land of its gold and causing the cost of living to advance to a war basis.

3. That the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, on behalf of the Protestant Churches of America, appeal to the Free Church Council of Great Britain, to the Protestant Churches of Scotland and Ireland, to the Established Church of England, to the Evangelical and Lutheran Churches of Germany, and to the Evangelical Churches of France, to issue appeals in their church services, and in their religious press urging all Christian families having kindred in the armies to write them personal letters, exhorting them,

whatever may be the provocation of the enemy, to reduce in every possible way the horrors of war. That steps be taken to secure similar action on the part of the Roman Catholic Church of the United States, appealing to the Pope, and also to the Roman Catholic Churches of England, Ireland, France, Germany and Austria to take similar steps in this matter. That the Greek Churches of Russia, Greece and the Balkan States be also appealed to in the same way to the same end.

4. That the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America hereby endorses the general principles of the eighteen "Bryan Peace Treaties," recently ratified, and in view of the fresh evidence of the importance of providing adequate time for diplomatic investigation and conference, when international difficulties arise, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America hereby suggests to President Wilson and Secretary Bryan that they take steps at an early date to urge upon the governments of the world the need of a universal treaty providing:

(1) That some definite interval of time, to be mutually agreed upon, shall intervene between the declaration of war and the beginning of active hostilities.

(2) That in the interval a commission of the signatory powers shall make careful investigation and report their findings to the world.

(3) That the signatory powers agree to enforce the observance of the agreement upon the nation that transgresses the treaty, by immediate military intervention.

5. That the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America suggests to the President of the United States, in view of the attempts already made to induce this country to take sides in the present European conflict, that he appeal to the people of the United States as lovers of their country and of humanity, that neither as individuals nor as groups do they take any action to destroy the complete and absolute neutrality of the United States. We believe that he who would attempt to drag this country into the present war not only sins against patriotism, but would destroy all hope of speedy peace. Only as this nation remains strictly neutral can she offer mediation. If she becomes involved there is no impartial court left to which the nations may appeal.

6. That as this awful war must drive devout people to their knees, we venture to suggest that an early Sunday and the preceding Saturday be designated by the President of the United States as a day of united prayer in all places of public worship and in the homes of the people to ask the Supreme Ruler to intervene in such ways as His divine wisdom may approve so as to calm the hearts of those who are filled with passion for war, dispose their minds to listen to the counsels of humanity and accept overtures for peace, and bring speedily to their distracted and distressed peoples the blessings of peace.

By taking the actions here suggested the United States will in fact, create a new status in the relation of nation to nation, one that is opposite to "hostility" on the one hand, and more friendly than the negative position of "neutrality" on the other; a status of "reconciliation" that expresses active good will to the combatants and also the sincere purpose (too often obscured by the customary methods and hesitancy of political diplomacy),

to find common ground for the establishment of justice and peace between them, as well as in its own relations to them.

	Very respectfully,
(Signed)	SHAILER MATHEWS, <i>President;</i>
(Signed)	ALBERT G. LAWSON, <i>Chairman of the Administrative Committee;</i>
(Signed)	J. B. REMENSNYDER, <i>Chairman of Commission on Peace and Arbitration;</i>
(Signed)	CHARLES S. MACFARLAND, <i>Secretary;</i>
(Signed)	H. K. CARROLL, <i>Associate Secretary;</i>
(Signed)	SIDNEY L. GULICK, <i>Representing Commission on Japan.</i>

The Secretary also conveyed this communication to official representatives of all the religious bodies mentioned in section 3 of the letter to the President.

Dr. Carroll conferred personally with Secretary Bryan, and after considerable correspondence with President Wilson's Secretary, a day of prayer was appointed for October 4th.

The President's reply was as follows:

"September 24, 1914.

"MY DEAR DR. MACFARLAND:

"I received and have read with the greatest attention the letter of August 20, 1914, from the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, signed by the President, the Chairman of the Administrative Committee, the Chairman of the Commission on Peace and Arbitration, yourself, the Associate Secretary, and Dr. Sidney L. Gulick, representing the Commission on Japan. I need not tell you how sincerely I appreciate the approval expressed in that letter of the efforts I have made to bring about mediation and peace, and I am happy to have anticipated the suggestion of the Council in the matter of urging a genuine attitude of neutrality upon the people of the United States, and also to have been able to meet the suggestion of the Council in the matter of appointing a day of prayer.

"Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) WOODROW WILSON.

"Rev. Charles S. Macfarland,
105 East 22d Street,
New York City."

Immediately upon receiving word from Secretary Tumulty by telegram, the following call was issued in co-operation with the Church Peace Union:

A Call to Prayer to the Churches of the United States.

President Wilson having issued a proclamation appointing Sunday, October 4th, as a day of prayer and requested "all God-fearing persons" to unite at their respective places of worship in supplication to Almighty God to restore concord among the nations now at war, the Federal Council of the Churches of

Christ in America and the Church Peace Union unite in recommending that the President's proclamation be read in every church and that the whole day be given to intercession for the purposes named by the President.

The great need of the world is not simply a cessation of the present terrible war, but the establishment of peace between the embattled nations on such a basis as will insure the healing of the wounds of conflict, the renewing of the bonds of brotherhood, and the adoption of such measures as shall exclude war as a method of settling international questions.

Let us pray that the war spirit may be suppressed as dueling has been suppressed; that nations shall think of nations not as enemies but as co-workers together with God for the establishment of His Kingdom on earth.

Let us seek the mind of the Master in the effort to bring all men to realize that the Gospel of Christ is a Gospel of peace and brotherhood and as binding on nations as on individuals.

(Signed)

SHAILER MATHEWS,
President of the Federal Council;

(Signed)

CHARLES S. MACFARLAND,
Secretary of the Federal Council;

(Signed)

CHARLES E. JEFFERSON,
Chairman of Executive Committee of Church Peace Union;

(Signed)

FREDERICK LYNCH,
Secretary of the Church Peace Union.

The Commission printed a sheet containing prayers prepared by Bishop Greer, Julia G. Wales, Walter Rauschenbusch, and a litany prepared by Rev. W. T. Manning, of Trinity Church, New York. These were conveyed to several thousand pastors, and were also more widely conveyed through the religious and daily press which reprinted many of them.

Impression in Foreign Lands.

This action on the part of the President made a deep impression all over the world, and undoubtedly has done much to prepare the way for reconciliation.

Our special correspondent in Berlin writes as follows:

"I especially thank you for kindly sending copies of this communication addressed to the President of the United States regarding the action taken by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. I sent the English as well as the German text to some of the most important heads and authorities of the Protestant and Roman Churches in Germany and Austria. I think it will not be the attitude of those mentioned to give an answer during this time of war. But I know that they partly gave their special consideration to this high-minded appeal and that also some of the Church papers printed it."

One of the French daily papers, published in Paris, printed a long editorial commending both this action and the spirit behind it, and recommended that the President of the French Republic take similar action.

A Chinese daily paper, *Kuo Chuan Pao*, calling attention to President Wilson's appointment of October 4 as a day of prayer for peace and his appeal to the people of the United States so to observe it, remarked that this day should also be observed by the people of China, because if the war should drag on it would be almost impossible for China to avoid danger. In ancient times, the paper declares, the sage emperors used to appeal to God for help. Confucius is quoted as approving the practice. "Therefore it is hoped that the president, chiefs of ministries and boards, governors, and all the people of this land will join in prayer to God for the peace of the world on the 4th inst., the day fixed by the churches."

These are fairly representative of many others which have been brought to my attention, from various parts of the world.

In response to a request for co-operation on the part of the Red Cross Society, the Committee of Mercy, and other relief organizations, the following communication was issued through the press:

War Relief Funds Through the Federal Council.

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, having received several requests relative to war-relief funds, would recommend that the members of our churches make their contributions through their own denominational channels when such have been provided.

In order to meet other cases the Council offers to receive, distribute, and render account of contributions both on and after Sunday, October 4th, for such purposes as the relief of widows and orphans, the care of the wounded, the support of religious organizations engaged in such work, and other similar objects, in relief of the suffering caused by the war now making such want and woe among all our brothers and sisters of the nations in conflict.

Such funds will be conveyed according to the object, which should preferably be designated, to the proper organizations and movements through the State Department or other approved channel, including, when necessary, the appointment of committees in the various countries which will act with the Federal Council Commission on Peace and Arbitration. Checks should be payable to Alfred R. Kimball, Treasurer, and sent to 105 East 22d Street, New York.

It seems appropriate that such relief should be rendered in the name of the churches.

(Signed)

SHAILER MATHEWS,

President;

(Signed)

ALFRED R. KIMBALL,

Treasurer;

(Signed)

CHARLES S. MACFARLAND,

Secretary.

Record should also be made of the fact that the Federal Council placed the services of its office and staff at the disposal

of the relief organizations, furnishing them with its mailing lists of pastors, and in every way co-operating with them in securing the large contributions taken in the churches on October 4th and after that.

Other Activities of the Commission.

The American Church Committee on Peace Centenary, which will present a special report to the Executive Committee, was organized by the Commission on Peace and Arbitration. Arrangements are being made for co-operation with the Committee of One Hundred on Religious Activities at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, relative to a peace propaganda during the Exposition. The Commission has also requested the Federal Council Commission on Christian Education to take up the matter of peace instruction in our churches, Sunday Schools and institutions of higher education. Thus a co-operative relationship is being established on all sides in this great interest of the churches.

The Commission has sent out to the pastors and churches literature to the amount of about 500,000 pamphlets and leaflets relative to the general peace work of the churches.

Over 200,000 letters have been sent out during the year to the pastors and churches, including 50,000 letters for Peace Sunday, May 17th; 60,000 of the report of the Federal Council delegates at Constance; the other 100,000 being letters sent out at the time of the trouble with Mexico and at the beginning of the war in Europe.

Seven thousand copies of the Secretary's address on "The Churches of Christ in America and International Peace," have been distributed; 11,000 copies of an article by the Secretary entitled "Europe's War America's Warning," and various other similar pamphlets by Dr. Jefferson, Dr. Lynch, and others.

The Commission has co-operated with the various peace organizations, and has secured support from them, including especially the New York Peace Society and the American Association for International Conciliation.

Dr. Gulick and the Secretary represented the Federal Council at the Lake Mohonk Conference in May. The Secretary also serves on the American Centenary Committee and with other similar peace movements and organizations.

Since the outbreak of the war we have had several stenographers handling correspondence. The Commission will make several important recommendations to the Executive Committee, relative to the organization of the churches. To this end the Commission is now corresponding with about 2,000 local

representatives, including the secretaries of Local Federations, Synods, Presbyteries, Diocesan bodies, Local Denominational Conferences, and Ministerial Associations.

In all matters the Commission has operated in co-operation with the Church Peace Union and has had its support. Early in the year we released Dr. Lynch for the large service of the Church Peace Union. His effective work through our Commission led to the organization of the Union.

In this connection I ought to remind you that the movement for International Peace among the churches is due, like all such movements, pre-eminently to the leadership of one man, Dr. Lynch, and the participation of other personalities has been largely by his initiative, and has been willingly performed under his wise and enthusiastic leadership.

The International Movements of the Churches.

The Commission has given its support to the new World Alliance of the Churches for promoting International Friendship, through the medium of the Church Peace Union. The Chairman of the Commission, Dr. Remensnyder; the President of the Federal Council, Professor Shailer Mathews; Bishop Hendrix, the former President of the Federal Council; Dr. Lynch, former Secretary of this Commission; Dr. John R. Mott, Rev. Francis E. Clark, Canon George W. Douglas, Rev. Peter Ainslie, George A. Plimpton, Hamilton Holt, and Rev. W. P. Merrill, of the Federal Council Commission on Peace and Arbitration; and the Secretary, are the American members of the Continuation Committee, the additional member being Edwin D. Mead, of Boston.

The American section of the Committee has already held a meeting and arrangements are being made for a meeting of the entire International Committee, probably in London, at the earliest opportunity.

The following appeal has been sent out by the Archbishop of Upsala, Sweden:

Appeal to the Churches.

(Prepared by the Archbishop of Upsala.)

The war is causing untold distress. Christ's body, the Church, suffers and mourns. Mankind in its need, cries out, "O Lord, how long?"

The tangle of underlying and active causes which accumulate in the course of time and the proximate events which led to the breaking of peace, are left to history to unravel. God alone sees and judges the intents and thoughts of the heart.

We, servants of Christ, address to all those who have power or influence in the matter an earnest appeal seriously to keep peace before their eyes in order that blood-shed soon may cease.

We remind especially our Christian brethren of various nations that war cannot sunder the bond of internal union that Christ holds in us. Sure it is that every nation and every realm has its vocation in the divine plan of the world and must, even in the face of heavy sacrifices, fulfill its duty, as far as the events indicate it and according to the dim conception of man. Our faith perceives what the eye cannot always see: the strife of nations must finally serve the dispensation of the Almighty, and all the faithful in Christ are one.

Let us therefore call upon God that He may destroy hate and enmity and in mercy ordain peace for us.

His will be done.

OSTENFELD,
Bishop of Seeland, Denmark;
 GUSTAF JOHANL,
Archbishop of Aabo, Finland;
 PASTOR LEENMANS,
President of the Reformed Church, Holland;
 PASTOR DEMOOR,
Praeses, Dutch Reformed Churches, Holland;
 PASTOR HECKER,
President, Restored Lutheran Church, Amsterdam, Holland;
 PASTOR HELWIG,
President, Evangelical Lutheran Church, Holland;
 BISHOP JOSEPH FERENCZ,
Kolozswar, Hungary;
 JENS TANDBERG,
Bishop, Christiania, Norway;
 NATHAN SOEDERBLOM,
Archbishop, Upsala, Sweden;
 PASTOR RIS,
President of Conference of Reformed Churches of Switzerland,
Berne, Switzerland;
 PASTOR ARMAND DUCKERT,
Moderator of Company of Pastors, Geneva, Switzerland;
 SHAILER MATHEWS,
President, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America,
 CHARLES S. MACFARLAND,
Secretary, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in
America.

Archbishop Soederblom cables us that "letters testifying Christian fellowship were received from Court Preacher Dryander, of Berlin, President Von Bezzel, of Munich, and the Archbishop of Canterbury."

Immediately upon the outbreak of the war in Europe, in co-operation with the Committee to Promote Friendly Relations Among Foreign Students, the Commission invited Pastor D. N. Furnajieff, of the Evangelical Church of Sofia, Bulgaria, and the president of the Bulgarian Evangelical Society to come to America to visit the churches. Pastor Furnajieff has been fulfilling this mission constantly since that time, and the reports which we receive from the churches indicate that, through his broad knowledge of European relationships, he

interprets the present struggle and its consequences not only vividly, but with constructive helpfulness.

During the month of November, Pastor Furnajieff gave forty-five addresses in churches and universities, with a total attendance of about ten thousand. He is at this time continuing this work.

Commission on the Church and Social Service.

This Commission has steadily pursued the program under which it has been operating for the last six years. The two most distinctive features of its work during the past year have been the closer co-operation of the denominational departments for social service, and the development of the work of the Committee on Church and Country Life, under the direction of the Field Investigator, Rev. Charles O. Gill.

Secretarial Council.

This includes the executive secretaries of the denominational departments, who serve as associate secretaries of the Federal Council Commission, Rev. Charles O. Gill, of the Committee on Church and Country Life; and the Secretary of the Federal Council. The Council has held two meetings, the last of which was in session for two and a half days at Atlantic City, October 29th-31st.

The various associate secretaries are giving attention, at the present time, to the following matters, each of them being in special charge of one of the associate secretaries, or in some cases, of two of them working in co-operation:

The development of the Social Forum in various cities; the work of the Southern Sociological Congress; arrangements for Social Service Campaigns in various strategic cities; the issuing of new literature to be used in common; informational material relative to the use of Parish Houses; Architect's Plans of Churches to include provision for social activities; co-operation with Home Mission agencies, including the Missionary Education Movement; Social Studies in the Sunday schools and Churches; Exhibits at the Panama-Pacific Exposition; co-operation with the North American Student Council for work among students; the use of motion pictures by the churches, and the development of correspondence courses for preachers.

Many of these matters are taken up in co-operation with other bodies and those relating to studies in Sunday-schools and churches and the correspondence course for preachers are in co-operation with the Federal Council Commission on Christian Education

Constituent Denominational Departments.

The Federal Council is the sum of all its parts, these parts being its constituent bodies. The Commission on the Church and Social Service is endeavoring to follow the same plan in uniting the various denominational agencies and movements, although in the nature of the case these movements are autonomous. During the past year several of the denominations have taken action in creating social service departments or arranging a definite place for this work in some of their existing departments. At the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, the Federal Council's social and industrial platform was adopted and measures were taken looking towards more distinct activity in carrying out these principles. The American Christian Convention adopted a strong report by its Commission on Social Service, adopting the Federal Council principles and platform, giving hearty endorsement to the work of the Federal Council Commission, arranging for this work in relation to its Home Missions department, and providing especially for a department of Country Life.

The Commission on Social Service and the Rural Church, of the Disciples of Christ, also reports unusual progress. It has secured the organization of state committees for active work, co-operating with the Federal Council Commission in securing the observance of Labor Day, in the distribution of social service literature, conducting a special department in the denominational home missionary magazine, and a lantern slide bureau. The Secretary, Professor A. W. Taylor, has written "Social Applications of the Lesson." regularly for young people's classes in the Sunday-schools. Beginning with the coming year the Commission will issue a series of bulletins relative to social and racial problems.

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, at its last meeting, charged its Board of Home Missions with the duty of erecting a special department of social service. The board has already taken definite steps and has appointed a special committee for this work, constituted as follows: One member from the Board, one member from the Federal Council Commission, two additional pastors, and the General Secretary of the Board. In addition to this the district synods have appointed special committees, defining their duties as the deepening within the churches of the sense of social obligation, the preparing of educational literature, the observance of Labor Sunday, and the issuing of text books on social service by the mission study classes, adult Bible classes and other missions organizations. The social and industrial platform of the Federal Council has been adopted by this body.

This work is in charge of Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer, General Secretary of the Board of Home Missions who, it is interesting to note, is also an officer of the Federal Council Commission on Evangelism, intimating the intimacy between these two departments of work.

This indicates the way in which progress is being made among those denominations which have not been, in any special way, organized with executive or field secretaries. The situation is much the same with the other denominations of the Federal Council.

Little need be reported here regarding the fully organized denominational departments, inasmuch as their full reports are available in printed form. A word should be said, however, concerning the activities of these organizations, which so constantly transcend denominational limits. The Baptist department of Social Service and Brotherhood has, in the past year, become firmly established. Its Secretary, Dr. Batten, has held several conferences under the auspices of the Federal Council Commission, one of the most important being with the Church Federation of Sacramento. He also spoke on Labor Sunday under the auspices of the Federation at Pittsfield, Mass. Dr. Batten serves as a member of the Committee on Social Studies for the International Course of Sunday School Lessons. He has also compiled a report and made a survey for the Sunday School Commission in Vermont.

Perhaps the largest development during the past year has been that of the Social Service Commission of the Congregational Churches, which has become an authoritative agency of the National Council of Congregational Churches. This Commission has recently presented its first report to the Executive Committee of the Congregational National Council. It included a record of investigation in Colorado and Michigan, a study of rural conditions in a part of the South and in three townships in Wisconsin. The work of education, the preparation of programs for the churches, to include the whole realm of social activities, have been vigorously prosecuted by Secretary Henry A. Atkinson, who in carrying out his denominational work has constantly acted also in his capacity of Associate Secretary of the Federal Council Commission in conducting community campaigns, attending important conferences and conventions in relation to which the Federal Council and the denominational interests are one. At the present time Mr. Atkinson is making a social survey of one of the most important parishes in Brooklyn and is preparing social teaching for the Sunday-schools and other denominational agencies. The co-operation of the Congregational Commission with that of the Federal Council is close and constant.

Perhaps the most important work of Secretary Harry F. Ward has been in his chair of social service at the School of Theology of Boston University. I had an opportunity to visit one of Professor Ward's classes and to confer with some of the faculty and students. It is clearly evident that Professor Ward is blazing a new trail and opening up new avenues in theological education. He occupies this chair during half of the year, giving the remainder of his time to the Methodist Federation for Social Service. Secretary Ward has, during the year, addressed 254 meetings and held 17 group conferences, including preachers' meetings in nine principal cities. He has given two courses at Boston University School of Theology, involving 55 lectures. The Methodist Commission is carrying out a wide-spread work through its various conferences, commissions, and local secretaries, including two men who have signally served the Federal Council Commission, Rev. E. Guy Talbott, of Sacramento, Cal., and Rev. O. H. McGill, of Seattle. The office of the Methodist Federation serves as a large distributing agency for the joint literature issued by the Federal Council Commission, and Secretary Ward prepared, in large part, the Yearbook of the Church and Social Service issued by the Commission.

Rev. Warren H. Wilson, Superintendent of Presbyterian Country Life work, succeeds Rev. Charles Stelzle as a member of the Secretarial Council, and as Associate Secretary of the Federal Council Commission. The Presbyterian Board reports as follows:

"The past year has brought the highest official approval of the work for the Country Churches in the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America. At the General Assembly in Chicago in May, 1914, the policies of the Board of Home Missions were endorsed and the work of the department of Church and Country Life was ordered to be continued under the newly created Department of Immigration and Social Service. The term "department" to be used hereafter in the Board to connote the field of one of the secretaries of the Board.

"The work of the year has taken somewhat new direction under the pressure of circumstances, but in no way has the interdenominational service rendered by the Board of Home Missions among country churches been impaired. It has, in all the criticisms and discussions, never been a subject of adverse remark, that we have attempted, generally, to minister to the needs of all country churches.

"The new direction is given us by, first, the financial stringency now controlling the work of large religious agencies; second, the work will be, hereafter, more explicitly recognized work for the country churches. Their interest has always been foremost but it is important to make this fact plain and to organize for the country churches the great body of material which has been prepared in the past five years by country life investigators and prophets.

"The three lines of work which came through the severe criticisms of the past year are—first, local institutes and conferences. Second, rural surveys; and, third, graduate schools used in the summer for country ministers. A fourth kind of work is growing out of these. Individual churches are being selected by Presbyteries for development as 'Demonstration Centers.' This means an increase in localization of the country life teaching. We are called on to co-operate with a multitude of promising country church enterprises which will work out in country fields the ideas hitherto taught and advocated. Nothing more hopeful can appear than this definite application in the country of the theoretical teaching. It is, on the one hand, a matter of congratulation that this is a fact, and, on the other hand, it puts an extremely heavy burden upon resources. We are conducting in California a great rural survey, in the study of country churches of the San Joaquin valley. We have nearly completed the investigation of churches in Tulare County, California. We hope to have this report in the Spring. Other interdenominational work of this office is done through the Home Missions Council and the service rendered by the field workers of the Home Board in general conferences under our own direction or under the direction of other agencies working for the Department of Country Life. It continues to be our policy to take generous part in the agitation and re-direction of country life churches through institutes and conferences."

The Joint Commission on Social Service of the Protestant Episcopal Church acts largely through its diocesan commissions. A special attempt has been made, during the past year, to correlate the work of the Joint Commission with missions and religious education, and with such denominational movements as the Girls' Friendly Society and the Church Mission of Help. A correspondence course of ten lessons has been prepared by Secretary Crouch for the General Board of Religious Education. Other means of education include a traveling exhibit and the issuing of literature. It is to be noted that this Commission serves as the chief point of connection between the Protestant Episcopal Church and the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. The co-operation of the Protestant Episcopal Joint Commission and its Secretary with the Federal Council Commission is intimate and effective in both directions.

In this connection I should call attention to the fact that the various conference and other local representatives of the denominational agencies also serve as representatives of the Federal Council Commission, an example of this intimate relationship being the work of the Rev. E. Guy Talbott, Secretary of the Church Federation of Sacramento, who is constantly holding conferences consisting of all the denominations in the locality. The various secretaries of state and local federations also act for the Federal Council Commission.

Industrial Relationships.

Labor Sunday was observed as usual, printed suggestions being sent out to the number of 12,145, and programs for the Sunday services to the number of 13,300.

Secretary Samuel Zane Batten and the Secretary of the Federal Council represented the Federal Council as fraternal delegates to the convention of the American Federation of Labor at Philadelphia, November 9th-23d. Dr. Batten was in constant attendance at the convention and made a splendid address emphasizing the interest of the Church in humanitarian efforts, but closing with a fine appeal for the spiritual interpretation of such movements. In this connection it seems important to call attention to a matter which has been of great concern, especially to those officers of the American Federation of Labor, who are also members of the various commissions of the Federal Council.

The custom of having fraternal delegates from the churches to the American Federation of Labor was instituted by Rev. Charles Stelzle, who began as a representative of the Presbyterian Church, and later on served as the fraternal delegate from the Federal Council. In successive years the fraternal delegates have been: Rev. Charles S. Macfarland in 1911; Rev. Henry A. Atkinson and Rev. Charles S. Macfarland in 1912; Rev. Sydney Strong and Rev. O. H. McGill, of Seattle, in 1913; Rev. Samuel Zane Batten and Rev. Charles S. Macfarland in 1914. All of these fraternal delegates, in their intercourse and in addressing the Convention, have been clear in stating the purpose of the churches, through this Commission, to express sympathy and offer co-operation for bettering the condition of the working man. None of our fraternal delegates has ever interjected any word or suggestion of religious divisiveness, and no part or intimation of a part, has been taken by any of them, in reference to the internal differences of the American Federation of Labor.

Following the reception of Mr. Stelzle as fraternal delegate, the American Federation of Catholic Societies began sending fraternal delegates, and the Rev. Peter E. Dietz, at the Rochester Convention in 1912, in his address, introduced matters that were considered by some as having an ecclesiastical intent. The controversy which has been engendered has aroused some opposition to the reception of fraternal delegates from religious bodies.

I have felt under the necessity of making it clear to the officers of the American Federation of Labor that the fraternal delegates from the Federal Council have nothing whatever to do with the internal differences of the Federation of Labor,

and that we are not there in any ecclesiastical capacity. It would be unfortunate if the American Federation of Labor should feel obliged to exclude fraternal delegates from religious bodies, because of what it deems inappropriate interposition on the part of such delegates, for Secretary Morrison rendered this testimony at Rochester: "The moral effect of the visitation of fraternal delegates from the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America to the representatives of labor in the American Federation of Labor cannot be overestimated, and the mingling of such leaders of religion with the leaders of the workingmen is, I believe, bringing about a feeling of fraternity and brotherhood which is elevating and, we trust, mutually helpful."

The One Day in Seven campaign for industrial workers has been industriously prosecuted, over 10,000 copies of the document entitled "Continuous Toil and Continuous Toilers" have been printed and issued. Little progress has been reported by the American Association for Labor Legislation, and the State of California recently failed to pass the law. Such legislation is clearly needed in the interest of public welfare. Mr. McConoughey has attended public hearings dealing with the law in the State of New York, and reports that its constitutionality seems to be unquestioned, and that the disposition seems to be to prevent it from being made ineffective. Largely owing to the activity of Rev. G. L. Tufts, a member of our Commission on Sunday Observance, this campaign is assuming large proportions in California and other Western states.

At the time of writing this report, Secretary Batten is in conference with the ministers and other citizens of Gloversville, N. Y., in an effort to adjust the labor troubles in this section in the glove industry, where on previous occasions serious difficulties have arisen. The Commission was invited to give counsel and advice at Gloversville and Dr. Batten was selected for this important task.

The Secretary has, in visiting various cities on several occasions, addressed meetings in labor temples and other gatherings of workingmen, whenever occasion has offered itself.

Investigations.

A report has been issued entitled "Report on the Industrial Situation Revealed by the Lawrence Strike," made by a committee jointly representing the Massachusetts Federation of Churches and the Federal Council.

A pamphlet of 62 pages, entitled "The Church and Industrial Warfare," has been issued, containing the report of Henry A. Atkinson concerning the industrial conditions in Colorado and

Michigan. Secretaries Batten and Carroll, Bishop F. J. McConnell of the Methodist Church and President H. F. Rall, both members of our Commission, with the assistance of Professor L. D. Osborn, are now in Denver where hearings are in progress by the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations.

The committee appointed to investigate conditions at Paterson is still continuing its work, and the Committee on Prison Conditions has not yet presented its report.

Literature of the Commission.

Early in the year, the Yearbook of the Church and Social Service was prepared, mainly by Secretary Harry F. Ward, and it is having a large demand. This is the first attempt to summarize the social activities of the churches.

"The Country Church," containing investigations by Mr. Gill in Vermont and New York, has a continued circulation.

"The Industrial Situation," prepared by Professor Frank Tracy Carlton, has been, by instruction of the Committee of Direction, commended to the churches for its thoughtful consideration of the problems of American industry.

The second edition of "The Social Creed of the Churches," by Secretary Harry F. Ward, has also, by instruction of the Committee of Direction, been commended for the purpose of bringing to the churches a thoughtful consideration of the utterances of the Council of which it treats.

A large amount of new pamphlet literature and re-issues of previous literature has been put out, account of which will be made under another heading of this report. It is interesting to note an increasing demand for our pamphlet literature including especially reports of investigations, for use by classes in churches, Young Men's Christian Associations, Young Women's Christian Associations, colleges, universities, and clubs.

General Items.

The Secretary attended all the sessions of the Southern Sociological Congress, at Memphis, and assisted the Secretary of the Congress in its work.

Rev. Henry K. Carroll has served as a representative of the Commission at the Child Welfare Congress, the Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology, and the National Municipal League.

The request for delegates to attend the National Purity Congress, at Kansas City, was referred to Nat Spencer, Secretary of the Kansas City Church Federation.

Rev. Frank Mason North has been appointed by the Commission to prepare and submit a report of social conditions in

the far east and the extent to which our foreign mission work is meeting them. Dr. North is now in the Orient and has consented to fulfill this task.

The Secretary is serving as a member of a committee appointed by the National Civic Federation to make a survey of the social activities of the churches.

Committee on Church and Country Life.

During the early part of the year the field representative, Rev. Charles O. Gill, gave himself largely to the preparation of a report resulting from his investigations in Europe and to the general work devolving upon this committee. This report, entitled "Social Effects of Co-operation" will be presented to the Commission at its meeting in Richmond.

In July the committee, which had meanwhile been completed, held a meeting at which it was decided that Mr. Gill should make his residence at Columbus, Ohio, establish an office of the Commission there, and direct a rural investigation of the State of Ohio.

Under this committee a large amount of correspondence has been carried on with country ministers in various parts of the United States, and considerable informational literature has been distributed. The work of this committee and of Mr. Gill has been mainly that of investigation.

Mr. Gill reports as follows:

"To Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, Secretary the Commission on the Church and Social Service:

I enclose herewith a report to the Commission on the "Social Effects of Co-operation." If co-operation in rural business is to play the important part in the reconstruction of rural society commonly anticipated, the study of this subject will undoubtedly prove to have been indispensable.

After this study was completed it was rather difficult to determine in just how intensive a work I should engage, and in what locality the work should be done. Different fields were visited and carefully considered.

It was finally decided that a state rather than a smaller field should be chosen. The Advisory Council of the Ohio Survey extended to our committee an invitation to do special work in their state. This invitation was favorably considered and the Committee decided that I should go to Ohio to live. I have therefore opened an office in Columbus, the capital and central city of the state.

To co-operate with us in our work the Ohio Rural Life Association was formed. The Executive Committee of this organization is composed mainly of clergymen, while its advisory council has a large proportion of its membership made up of representatives of the various Protestant denominations of the state. This association recognizes that the Church can and should be the most important factor in the conservation and improvement of rural

life. While the chief aim of the Association will be to aid the Church to become as vital a force as possible in the performance of this task, it recognizes also that the school and other institutions must do their part and it will afford opportunity for the Church to unite with them in work for rural betterment.

Already this Association has been officially recognized by the state ecclesiastical organizations of three denominations and they have passed resolutions to co-operate with us in our work.

We are now engaged in carrying out the following program:

- I. The Completion of a Church Map of Ohio showing
 - (1) The location and denomination of every rural church.
 - (2) Its present membership.
 - (3) Whether it is gaining or losing in membership, and
 - (4) Whether it ordinarily has a resident pastor and what part of a minister's service it receives.
- II. Action to secure
 - (1) Co-operation of the various denominations in directing or influencing the redistribution of churches now in process in the rural districts, and
 - (2) Co-operation of the churches in small communities in working for the community welfare.
- III. A Campaign for Education through special institutes, the religious press and other existing agencies.
 - (1) To familiarize country people and country ministers with the best methods of rural church work.
 - (2) To make clear to young men and country ministers the importance of the rural community as a field for long continued service, and
 - (3) To impress upon country people the necessity of an adequate pecuniary support for their ministers.

A large number of people seem to feel the need of this work. If the support of it corresponds to the words of appreciation received, it will undoubtedly be attended by success. If successful here it is hoped the work will be repeated in other states.

Throughout the year correspondence has been carried on with inquirers in different parts of the United States and so far as possible such information as they have desired has been furnished.

Most of the pamphlets distributed have been those issued by other departments or commissions but it is not unlikely that the work in which we are now engaged will produce results which we must ourselves publish.

Steps have been taken by our Committee to make itself a clearing house of all information pertaining to the welfare of the country church. Sub-committees are about to be appointed to collect data to study such subjects as:

1. Financing the country church.
2. The training of country pastors.
3. Co-operation and federation.
4. Allies of the country church.
5. The country church as a community center.

It has been proposed to encourage in each state the organization of country church associations or departments of church federations and to get in touch with such movements as already have been started. We also have under consideration the question of publishing quarterly or monthly bulletins embodying the results of these activities.

President Kenyon L. Butterfield has been carrying on a correspondence with about one hundred and fifty of the leading students of the country church in various parts of the United States with view to finding a suggestive program for country church work. He is obtaining results which will be of value to the churches.

Columbus, Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,
C. O. GILL."

There is no doubt but what this committee is opening up one of the most important developments of the federative movement. This work is largely due to the creative agency of Secretary Warren H. Wilson, of the Presbyterian department, who has prepared the way for our committee. Hon. Gifford Pinchot, Chairman of the Committee, is deeply interested in its work and has been largely responsible for its establishment. Mr. Pinchot is one of those men who sees behind the economic aspects of the rural problem its moral and spiritual background, and who can distinguish between causes and effects.

The work of this Committee is developing so rapidly that it ought to be made a full Commission of the Federal Council. While its work is intimately related to the Commission on the Church and Social Service, it also has close relations with the Home Missions Council. For these and other reasons we should have a Commission on the Church and Country Life.

Commission on State and Local Federations.

This Commission has been fortunate in having the services, as Chairman, of a man like Professor Anthony, whose large information regarding interdenominational matters and whose present strategic position in the denominational field, give him unusual opportunity to guide the work of this Commission. Its work has developed so much during the past year that much of the time of the assistant, Rev. Edward M. McConoughey has been diverted to this work, as Clerk of the Commission.

During the early part of the year Dr. Anthony graciously accepted an appointment to fill my place as a member of the Home Mission Team, visiting Western states, as I was unable to leave the office at that time. He reports in this capacity as follows:

Home Mission Team.

"As chairman of the Commission on State and Local Federations it was my privilege, representing Dr. Macfarland, the Secretary of the Council, to become a member of a Team of seven Home Mission Specialists to hold institutes of two days' duration each in central cities of six western states—South Dakota, North

Dakota, Montana, Oregon, Utah, and Colorado. These institutes began January 27th in Huron, South Dakota, continued in Jamestown, North Dakota; Helena, Montana; Portland, Oregon; Salt Lake City, Utah; and concluded in Denver, Colorado, on February 13th. From thirty-eight to seventy-five Home Mission workers, representing different denominations, but chiefly the Baptists, Congregationalists, Methodists, and Presbyterians, were in attendance in each place.

"The deputation of seven under the leadership of Dr. L. C. Barnes. Chairman of the Neglected Fields' Survey Committee of the Home Missions Council, comprised three Presbyterians, Mr. J. E. McAfee, Associate Secretary of the Board of Home Missions; Dr. W. H. Wilson, Superintendent of the Department of Church and Country Life; and Dr. Moses Breeze, Special Representative of the Home Missions Board; one Congregationalist, Dr. H. C. Herring, General Secretary of the Home Missionary Society and Secretary-elect of the National Council, at the same time chairman of the Home Missions Council's Committee on Immigration, and Chairman of the Commission on Home Missions of the Federal Council; one Methodist, Dr. Ward Platt, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension; and two Baptists, Dr. L. C. Barnes, Field Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society; and Dr. A. W. Anthony, Special Joint Secretary of the Baptist Mission Societies, Home and Foreign, and of the General Conference of Free Baptists.

"Six general subjects were under consideration: Immigration, The Rural Church, Church Finance, Administration and Leadership, Co-operation and Federation, and Sources of Steady Supplies of Spiritual Power. It was recognized that the outstanding problems and tasks of the Church in this country are not local but national; and belong not to one denomination but are common to all.

"In the States of Montana, Oregon, and Utah, initial steps were taken for the formation of State Federations of Churches. The organization of these federations will take place by the somewhat slow but sure processes of adequate conference and consultation; and with the consequent approval of the denominational bodies in the states. In South Dakota, North Dakota, and Colorado, federations already existing were quickened to better methods and closer co-operation.

"Home Mission workers of the different denominations, who often feel isolated and lonesome, even within the membership of their own body, were brought into cordial relations and made to realize common interests and an inclusive fellowship.

"These institutes emphasized and reiterated practical co-operative sentiments like the following: No two churches in the same community should receive home mission grants; the community church, inclusive of Christians of different denominations, should be a denominational church, itself tolerant of variety and insistent only upon Christian essentials."

"The expenses of my trip were met through the generous willingness of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and the American Baptist Publication Society, whose Joint Secretary I am, that I should devote my time for nearly a month to this object."

The Commission, almost entirely under the direction of Dr. Anthony and largely through the execution of Mr. McConoughey, has carried on important activities, including an increasing amount of correspondence relative to various attempts which are being made to bring the religious forces of local communities into co-operation and consequent effectiveness. The federations which are being formed at the present time vary, as has always been the case, in their effectiveness. In states where the movement is taken seriously by the pastors, it is correspondingly effective. This Commission will present a special report at Richmond.

I have visited the local federations and conferred with their officers, in visiting various cities. We need one or more Field Secretaries for this work and I would recommend that this matter be considered in connection with the proposal for a Commission on Interdenominational Movements.

Commission on Foreign Missions.

This Commission held a meeting at Garden City in January and has appointed an executive committee which has taken such action as has been necessary. It should be noted, however, that the Commission on Foreign Missions has little opportunity for the exercise of any functions other than those of the Conference of Foreign Missions Boards of North America.

The Commission has sought to relate as closely as possible the Foreign Missions Conference and the Federal Council. Five members of the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference are members also of the Executive Committee of the Commission. The Commission has sought to secure the publication of various articles dealing with co-operation in different parts of the mission field, and the Chairman of the Commission prepared, as Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, for the Conference on Missions in Mexico, held in Cincinnati, June 30th and July 1st, which resulted in a plan of missionary co-operation for Mexico which has been recognized throughout the world as one of the most advanced steps which has been taken in missionary comity.

With Dr. Speer as the Chairman of the Commission, the Federal Council is always sure of a representative in all co-operative missionary movements, and in due time, under his wise direction, a more satisfactory adjustment between the Federal Council and co-operative movements among the existing foreign mission agencies is sure to be brought about.

Rev. George T. Scott has been elected as Assistant to the Chairman. The next meeting of the Commission will be at Garden City in January, with the Conference of Foreign Mission Boards.

Commission on Family Life.

This Commission has held one meeting and its Executive Committee has held two meetings.

The following committee has been appointed to prepare and issue a pronouncement as to the failure of the Church in relation to the life of the family: Messrs. Eckman, Burch, Calley, Calvert, Candler, Carman, Case, Chamberlin, Cheney, Cobb, Curtice, Dyer, Fosdick, Hart, Knubel, Lyons, Merrill, Mohorter, Rhoades, Rice, Stone, and Vernon.

The Commission has conveyed to the Federal Council Commission on Christian Education an earnest request that it take up in an effective way the matter of religious instruction and its relation to public school education.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Hart, Fosdick, and Merrill, was appointed to take up with the Department of Surveys of the Russell Sage Foundation the question of adequate provision, in the surveys of local communities, for the religious education of children and young people. The Child Welfare Department of the Russell Sage Foundation has been invited to co-operate to the same end.

The Commission has also requested the Federal Council Commission on Christian Education to prepare for the Committee on Family Life a report of the effectiveness of our Sunday-schools and their records of attendance.

Other Standing Commissions.

The Commission on Sunday Observance has relatively little call for any other service than that of co-operating with and supporting various established institutions and movements for the better observance of Sunday. This Commission might well, however, take up the question, with these movements, of co-ordination, and perhaps the question of duplication of organization and action. The Chairman of the Commission, Rev. Peter Ainslie, has conducted correspondence, including letters protesting against encroachments on the proper observance of Sunday, has signed a number of petitions in co-operation with other organizations, written several articles on the subject and made public addresses.

The Commission on Home Missions has, according to arrangements made a year ago, practically delegated its entire work to the Home Missions Council, and the Commission on Home Missions is acting purely as an advisory body.

The Commission on Evangelism, which will make its own report, has made remarkable progress, largely due to the voluntary and unselfish service of its Secretary, Rev. William E.

Biederwolf. This Commission is doing much to win the sympathy of several elements in the Federal Council which have hitherto held either a neglectful or a doubtful attitude towards Evangelistic endeavor.

The Commission on Christian Education, whose Secretary, Rev. Henry H. Meyer, also renders voluntary service and has given a large amount of time and his splendid talent to the work of the Commission, has undertaken some large tasks, some of which are already being performed, and its future plans are of very great importance to the churches, as will be revealed by its annual report to the Executive Committee.

Another of the Commissions operating entirely under voluntary service is the Commission on Temperance, whose Secretary, Professor Charles Scanlon, has carried on his work in behalf of the Presbyterian board with that of the Federal Council Commission, in such a way as to strengthen both and also to help the temperance committees of the other constituent bodies.

These three Commissions on Evangelism, Christian Education, and Temperance certainly have a sufficient task to warrant full administration, and the amount that such administration would cost would be saved many times over through the larger co-operation and the elimination of duplication which it would bring about, in addition to the performance of tasks which can only be performed by commissions as widely representative of the churches as these.

THE HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL.

Some progress has been made in the work of co-operation, through the action taken in January by our Commission on Home Missions and the subsequent action of the Home Missions Council, which in some measure illustrate in practice those principles of co-operation and co-ordination of forces for which both the Home Missions Council and the Federal Council stand.

An arrangement might be considered by which all necessary autonomy could be safeguarded and yet the Home Missions Council might represent more fully the churches themselves as well as the Home Mission Boards which form its constituent bodies. The action taken by the Federal Council at Chicago and the subsequent action of the Commission on Home Missions, practically eliminating itself except as an advisory body, fully express the things for which we stand. The action at Chicago was as follows: "That we recognize the Home Missions Council as the proper organization of the churches at the present time for co-ordinating home mission activities."

In response to the invitation of the Home Missions Council the following have been elected as the particular representatives of the Federal Council in that body: Rev. Henry K. Carroll, Alfred R. Kimball, J. Edgar Leaycraft, Rev. Charles S. Mills, Rev. Charles S. Macfarland.

The members of the Commission on Home Missions have been requested to sit as corresponding members of the Home Missions Council at its annual meeting.

Special Commissions.

The appointment of a special Commission on Interdenominational Movements was referred by the Administrative Committee to the Secretary. This matter, which needs careful adjustment, cannot be hastened. I am, however, holding important conferences on the question and expect to be able to report something definite to the Administrative Committee within the next few months.

The Joint Commission on Theological Seminaries has not met during the year. The Chairman, President George B. Stewart, has charge of the matter of preparing a report to be presented to the Federal Council in 1916.

Request has also been made for the appointment of a Commission to take up the special interests of the colored race.

INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENTS.

Matters have not yet been entirely adjusted between the American section of the Evangelical Alliance and the Federal Council. The Evangelical Alliance has, however, requested the Federal Council to take charge of future arrangements for the Week of Prayer, and the Administrative Committee has appointed a special committee for that purpose.

The matter of the World Congress for the consideration of the general interests of the Christian Churches, will be brought before the Executive Committee with the recommendation that initiatory steps be taken. In view of the present conditions in Europe I would most earnestly recommend that we proceed with this matter. The situation abroad offers a reason for the firmer establishment of the international relationships between churches, and is by no means a reason for letting them lapse. A time is coming, and it may come very soon, when the nations of the world will come together to do what they can to repair the awful damage of war and to establish a new international order. This will surely offer the moment and the occasion for a similar congress of the Christian Churches of the world, whose interests are one.

Looking to this end, the Secretary is now in correspondence with church leaders in various parts of the world, endeavoring to establish such connections as may make it possible to hold such a congress successfully when the time comes. We now have regular correspondents in all parts of the world.

FIELD WORK OF THE SECRETARY AND OTHER SECRETARIAL WORK.

The following record of the more important engagements of the Secretary in addition to his distinctively administrative work, is given because it is indicative of the wide range of interests touched by the Federal Council:

- January 8 The Advisory Committee of the Department of Surveys of the Russell Sage Foundation.
- 12 Conference of the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference.
- 13-14 The Home Missions Council.
- 14-15-16 Foreign Missions Boards Conference at Garden City.
- 16 Conference of the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association.
- 20 Appeared at hearing of the House Committee on Naval Affairs at Washington Relative to the increase of chaplains in the navy.
- 20 Conference on the above matter at the Metropolitan Club, Washington.
- 21 Advisory Committee of the Intercollegiate Bureau of Occupations.
- 21 Address at Madison Avenue Reformed Church, New York.
- 29 Two Day of Prayer addresses at Ursinus College.
- February 3 Various conferences at Boston, Mass.
- 4 Addressed Interdenominational Commission of New Hampshire, at Franklin, N. H.
- 8 Sermon at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa.
- 8 Addressed meeting of Federation of Men's Clubs at Lancaster, Pa.
- 9 Addressed Church Federation of Williamsport, Pa.
- 10 Organization meeting of trustees of the Church Peace Union.
- 11 American Committee on the Third Hague Conference.
- 13 Conference relative to the Church Peace Union.
- 18 Meeting of the Commission on Family Life.
- 19 Pennsylvania State Federation at Altoona.
- 19 Blair County Federation meeting at Altoona.
- 19 Addressed popular meeting at Altoona.
- 27 Meeting of the Committee on Industrial Relations.
- March 11 Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Church Peace Union.

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- 19 Washington D. C. Interview with President Wilson and Secretary Bryan relative to relations with Japan.
- 25 Meeting of Survey Committee of the National Civic Federation.
- 26 Lecture, New York School of Philanthropy.
- 27 Conference, National Civic Federation.
- April 2 Meeting, Executive Committee, International Lord's Day Congress.
- 3 Executive Committee, Church Peace Union.
- 13 Washington, D. C. Advisory Committee. Various conferences with Washington officials.
- 16 Meeting North American Student Council.
- 18 Guest at annual meeting of New York Teachers' Association.
- 22 Conference, National Civic Federation.
- 23 Ottawa, Canada. Addressed Social Service Council of Ottawa.
- 27 Mountain Lakes, N. J. Conference addressed by Dr. Gulick.
- May 1 Executive Committee, Church Peace Union.
- 5 Dayton, Ohio. Various meetings of the United Brethren, including address at Men's Congress.
- 6-11 Memphis, Tenn. Southern Sociological Congress and National Conference of Charities and Corrections. Two addresses at Southern Sociological Congress.
- 10 Address at Second M. E. Church, Memphis.
- 11 Annual meeting, St. Louis Federation of Churches.
- 12 Two addresses at General Conference of the Colored M. E. Church in America, St. Louis.
- 13-16 Oklahoma City. Attended and addressed the General Conference of the M. E. Church South.
- 18 Lancaster, Pa. Addressed General Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S.
- 23 Kansas City. Addressed Southern Presbyterian Assembly.
- 24-25 Chicago. Addressed Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.
- 26-29 Lake Mohonk Conference on Peace and Arbitration.
- June 5 Meeting of committee, of which ex-President Taft is Chairman, on the better protection of aliens.
- Executive Committee, Church Peace Union.
- 6 Asbury Park, N. J. Addressed General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.
- 8 Luncheon to Professor J. G. Richert, of Stockholm.
- 17 Boston, Mass. Addressed National Baptist Convention.
- 19-23 Nashville, Tenn. Five Lectures at the Ministers' Biblical Institute of Vanderbilt University.
- 21 Preached at McKendree M. E. Church, at Nashville. Address at First Presbyterian Church.
- July 21-August 17 In Europe. Representative to attend Church Peace Conference at Constance, other conferences, and to act as representative of the International Lord's Day Congress.

- September 3 Address on the Church Peace Conference in Europe, at Mountain Lakes, N. J.
- September 17 Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.
- 21 American Centenary Committee.
- October 2 Executive Committee of the Church Peace Union.
- 4 South Norwalk, Conn. Peace Sunday address, union service. Two addresses.
- 5 Address at New York Ministers' Club.
- 6 Washington, D. C. Interview with Secretary Bryan on relations with Japan.
- 13 Church Peace Union Committee on the Education of the Churches.
- 16-17 Springfield, Ohio. Three addresses at the American Christian Convention.
- 19 Addressed Clerical Conference, New York Federation of Churches.
- 27 Organization meeting, Continuation Committee of the World Alliance of the Churches.
- Address, union meeting, Boonton, N. J.
- 28 Lecture at the Training School of the International Y. W. C. A.
- 29-31 Atlantic City, N. J. Secretarial Council.
- November 4 Winsted, Conn. Addressed union meeting.
- 6 Executive Committee, Church Peace Union.
- 10 Addressed New York State Conference of Religion.
- 11-12 Philadelphia. Annual Convention, American Federation of Labor.
- 18 South Norwalk, Conn. Installation service, Congregational Church.
- 20 South Norwalk, Conn. Address, anniversary of South Norwalk Congregational Church.
- 24 Conference of Social Organizations relative to Panama Exposition.
- 25 Luncheon to Archdeacon Cunningham, of England, New York Federation of Churches.
- 30 Pittsburgh. Address, National Reform Association.
- December 15 Lecture at the New York School of Philanthropy.
- 16 Annual meeting Trustees of the Church Peace Union.

The Secretary is constantly called upon to attend committee meetings and conferences of every kind, and to attend hearings on matters of moral and social reform as the representative of the church forces. He has rendered service on the following committees, which is here recorded because it indicates some of the co-operative relationships existing between the churches and other movements through the Federal Council:

Advisory Committee, National Board of Censorship of Motion Pictures.

Executive Committee on the U. S. Industrial Commission.

Mother's Day International Association.

National Committee on Prison Labor.
 Committee of American Association for Labor Legislation.
 New York Sabbath Committee.
 Philip Schaff Memorial Committee.
 Social Service Department of the Southern Sociological Congress.
 Advisory Council of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip.
 International Lord's Day Congress.
 Advisory Committee of the Department of Surveys and Exhibits of the Russell Sage Foundation.
 Committee of the Efficiency Society of New York on Church Efficiency.
 Continuation Committee of the World Alliance of the Churches.
 Advisory Council and Committee on Plan and Scope of National Civic Federation.
 Executive Committee of the American Committee on the Treaty of Ghent.
 American Citizen's Committee on the Hague Peace Conference.
 Board of Managers of the Evangelical Alliance.
 Trustee and Executive Committee of the Church Peace Union.
 Advisory Committee of the Intercollegiate Bureau of Occupations and other similar organizations and committees.

The Secretary has prepared articles on various phases of the work of the Council which have been published to a considerable number in the religious and general magazines.

Attention should be called to the fact that, to an increasing degree, other officers of the Council and various denominational representatives are called upon to act for the churches at large as representatives of the Council. President Shailer Mathews is, of course, in constant demand, and he has accepted many invitations during the past year which have been extended through the office of the Council. This service is especially rendered by the associate secretaries of the Commission on the Church and Social Service, and by the officials of state and local federations of churches. The Secretary is constantly calling upon such representatives to act in special instances for the Council.

The Secretaries and Chairmen of the various Commissions frequently serve in this capacity. Dr. Gulick has, both in the interest of his own special task and the larger interests of the Council, addressed the annual assemblies of several of the constituent bodies and represented the Federal Council at the annual meeting of the Council of Women for Home Missions.

In this aspect of our work assistance has been received from Mr. McConoughey who has, in addition to his administrative assistance, addressed various meetings in Chicago and elsewhere, and has represented the Secretary at meetings of our commissions, at public hearings on matters of interest to us, and at various meetings which the Secretary was unable to attend.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLICITY.

Our department of publicity has increased its facilities during the year, mainly through our process and multigraphing department. Arrangements have been made with the Associated Press and the United Press by which we are securing larger publicity regarding the united work of the churches, and also for general religious matters which are of general interest.

The religious press varies in the amount of space which can be given to interdenominational concerns, most of the religious papers being overcrowded with important matter relating to their own denominations. There are, however, certain striking exceptions to this rule.

During the past year the general public and the churches have been reached more largely through the daily press.

We are now under considerable expense in reaching our constituency. Our publicity material is sent out regularly to about 1,500 of the leading daily papers. Upon important matters we are obliged to communicate directly with the pastors in order to make sure of reaching them. This involves a mailing list of nearly 100,000 names and costs several thousand dollars each time we send a communication to them.

It is to be hoped that some arrangement may soon be made with the religious press whereby a part of this expense may be saved. If we could be assured that the columns of the religious press were conveying the communications of the Federal Council to the pastors we should not be obliged to send letters so frequently directly to the pastors. It is my purpose during the coming year, at some convenient time, to hold a conference with the representatives of the religious press relative to this matter.

Still further, we ought to look towards the development of a general publicity bureau. Certain of the mission organizations are now dealing with this question, and some experiments have been made which seem to indicate the advisability of a large consideration of the whole subject of religious publicity.

THE NATIONAL OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL.

Immediately following the last meeting of the Executive Committee, we moved into our new and relatively spacious quarters in the United Charities Building which, although a great improvement over our previous arrangements, have already been outgrown.

The letter process work, the printing and other matters relative to our various publications, made it necessary for us to establish our own process and printing department. This is now fully equipped with multigraphing machinery, addresso-

graph, plates for a mailing list of about 60,000 names, and all the other material necessary for our work. We are now not only having our own work done in a more satisfactory way, but the office is also realizing considerable profit.

Our correspondence is large, averaging about 150 letters a day and necessitating a considerable force of stenographers. Our entire staff averages about 20 girls and often a larger number.

The following records of our process shop and publication department give some intimation of the increasing interest in the federative movement as evidenced by the demand for literature.

NEW LITERATURE ISSUED DURING THE YEAR.

A Year Book of the Church and Social Service in the U. S.

PAMPHLET LITERATURE.

Federal Council.

Annual Reports of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America for the year 1913.

The Federal Council—A Statement of Its Plan, Purpose and Work.

A Statement of Principles Underlying and Guiding the Development and Work of the Federal Council.

Statistics of the Churches of the United States for 1913—Gathered and arranged by H. K. Carroll.

Literature on Christian Unity through the Federative Movement.

Religious Work at the Panama Exposition.

Commission on the Church and Social Service.

What Every Church Should Know About Its Community. Social Service for Young People—What Is It? By Harry F. Ward.

Social Studies for Adult Classes, Study Groups and Church Brotherhoods.

Suggestions for Labor Sunday 1914.

Order of Service for Labor Sunday 1914.

Report on the Industrial Situation Revealed by the Lawrence Strike.

The Church and Industrial Warfare—A Report on the Labor Troubles in Colorado and Michigan, by Henry A. Atkinson.

Practical suggestions to a Pastor for using the Motion Picture, by Edward M. McConoughey.

Commission on Peace and Arbitration.

The Churches of Christ in America and International Peace—Presented at the Church Peace Conference, Constance, Germany, August 2, 1914—By Charles S. Macfarland.

The Delusion of Militarism—By Charles Edward Jefferson.

Europe's War America's Warning—By Charles S. Macfarland.

Commission on Christian Education.

Lesson Courses on International Peace and Goodwill for 1915.

Commission on Relations with Japan.

A New Immigration Policy and The American-Japanese Problem, being two addresses by Professor Sidney L. Gulick.

A New Oriental Policy—By Sidney L. Gulick.

America's Japanese Problem—By Sidney L. Gulick.

The Responsibility of Pastors and All Educators in the Solution of America's Oriental Problem—By Sidney L. Gulick.

A New Immigration Policy—By Sidney L. Gulick.

The Japanese Problem—By Sidney L. Gulick.

The American-Japanese Problem, being two addresses by Prof. Sidney L. Gulick.

Report of the Secretary of the Federal Council to the Administrative Committee and to the Preliminary Joint Committee on Eastern Race Relationships, March 12, 1914—Charles S. Macfarland.

Commission on State and Local Federations.

A Directory of State and Local Federations in the U. S.—Compiled by Alfred Williams Anthony and Edward M. McConoughey.

Suggestions for State and Local Federations—By Alfred Williams Anthony.

Commission on Evangelism.

The Commission on Evangelism of the Federal Council, the Reason for the Commission and the Plans for the Commission.

Advance Steps in Evangelism—By William E. Biederwolf.

Evangelistic Work in the Churches of America—What the Denominations are Doing—Prepared by the Commission on Evangelism.

George Whitefield—Prince of Preachers, Maker of Characters—by John Timothy Stone.

Commission on Temperance.

This commission has issued a large amount of temperance literature, mainly in co-operation with the Presbyterian Temperance Department.

LITERATURE RE-ISSUED OR DISTRIBUTED DURING THE YEAR.

Books.

Christian Unity at Work. 4th Edition. The Second Council of 1912. Edited by the Secretary of the Federal Council. Proceedings of the Second Quadrennial Council of 1912, to accompany the volume of Christian Unity at Work.

The Country Church: the result of an investigation by Charles O. Gill and Gifford Pinchot, of the Committee on the Church and Country Life.

Spiritual Culture and Social Service. 4th Edition. By Charles S. Macfarland, Secretary of the Federal Council.

The Christian Ministry and the Social Order. Second Edition. Edited by Charles S. Macfarland.

The Peace Problem. By Frederick Lynch.

What Makes a Nation Great? By Frederick Lynch.

The Federal Council. The Record of the First Federal Council at Philadelphia, 1908. Edited by Elias B. Sanford, Honorary Secretary.

Church Federation. The Story of Inter-Church Federation at Carnegie Hall, New York, in 1905; and Initial and Preparatory Session of the Federal Council. Edited by Elias B. Sanford, Honorary Secretary.

The Social Creed of the Churches. By Harry F. Ward, Associate Secretary of the Federal Council Commission on the Church and Social Service.

The Industrial Situation. By Frank Tracy Carlton.

PAMPHLET LITERATURE.

The Church and Modern Industry.

The South Bethlehem Industrial Investigation.

The Muscatine Industrial Investigation.

The Church's Appeal in Behalf of Labor.

A Plan of Social Work for the United Churches.

Social Service Catechism.

Reading Lists on Social Questions.

Bibliography, The Study of Social and Industrial Questions.

Platform of Social Principles.

Model Constitution for a County or City Federation.

How to Organize a Church Federation.

Co-operation in the Development of the Home Field.

Christian Nurture and Religious Education.

Co-operation among Christian Forces on the Foreign Field.

Continuous Toil and Continuous Toilers, or One Day in Seven for Industrial Workers.

The following is a record of this distribution:

Number of Books and Reports Sent Out.

Christian Unity at Work.	525
Spiritual Culture and Social Service,	210
Yearbook of the Church and Social Service,	3,550
Other Books:	
Country Church, Industrial Situation, Peace Problem, etc.,	375
Annual Report for 1913,	9,550
Proceedings of the Second Quadrennial Council,	710
Pamphlets,	382,995

398,115

Process Letters.

During the year for the work of the Federal Council 176,885 form letters have been sent out, numbering 237,875 pages.

In addition to this the process shop has sent out for co-operating agencies 151,680 form letters numbering 275,810 pages.

There have been sent out for co-operating agencies 783,575 pamphlets and leaflets numbering 12,690,000 pages.

The total work of the process shop is 328,565 form letters and 1,181,690 books and pamphlets.

In addition to books issued under the Federal Council imprint, there is a wide demand for works of which our various officers are the authors, notably Dr. Gulick's "American-Japanese Problem" and the book by Rev. George U. Wenner, "Religious Education in the Public Schools." We are also increasingly called upon to recommend and supply books relating to the various interests of our work.

The Secretary is now at work on several new publications to appear the first of the year. Among these will be a handbook containing a brief statement of the history and distinctive characteristics of the various denominations of the Federal Council, to which will be added a chapter describing the co-operative work of these bodies through the Federal Council. Dr. Gulick is also preparing a handbook for pastors on the work of the churches for international peace.

I consider that our office is well equipped and efficient as far as its clerical staff is concerned. The members have a deep personal interest in our work, which they have manifested especially during the past few months when we were obliged to go through some reorganization on account of the exigencies caused by the war.

Mr. McConoughey has, in addition to the general administrative work of the office, served as the Clerk of the Commission on State and Local Federations, conducting much of the correspondence of this commission and the preparation of its literature. He has assisted the Commission on Relations with Japan by taking care of Dr. Gulick's itinerary and making his arrangements. He has aided the various committees making investigations for the Church and Social Service, presenting an especially valuable report relative to the use of motion pictures. Recently Mr. McConoughey has rendered valuable service at a rather critical moment in securing profitable outside work for our process department. Much of the work which appears as my own responsibility is cared for by Mr. McConoughey.

The private secretary, Miss Rena Rowell, is proving adequate to the large demands upon her. Our stenographer for general correspondence, Miss Grace Turton, and Miss Ethel

M. Carson, the manager of our process shop, have rendered the same faithful and unmeasured service. The member of our staff who has been longest in the service of the Federal Council is Miss Alice Coan, whose work as the operator of the telephone exchange and in the general direction of the outside office is of the highest value. Miss Lillian Brown has had charge of our literature department and is at the present time rendering effective service as an assistant to the Treasurer.

Our library has continued to add the latest books on missions, social service, peace and arbitration and Christian unity, and our large list of papers and magazines constantly received has been increased during the year.

Of the voluntary services rendered the Council that of our Treasurer, Alfred R. Kimball is, I know, increasingly appreciated by the members of the Executive Committee, but they have little comprehension of the time and service rendered to our work by Mr. Kimball. His visits to the office are almost daily and he renders with his own hand a large amount of work which, if done by paid assistance, would mean a large addition to our expenses. I trust that the members of the Executive Committee will give special attention to the report of our Treasurer for this year. Note the multiplication of our budget and the added work it requires from him. The Secretary has endeavored to adjust his work so as to take as little of his time as possible away from the more valuable work of the Council, but has given enough attention to our financial operations to save us from embarrassment.

I have enjoyed throughout the year the continued confidence and constant encouragement of our Honorary Secretary, Rev. Elias B. Sanford. Although Dr. Sanford is unable to come to the office more than once or twice during the year, I have been in constant correspondence with him and hope that I have in some measure been able to make him realize the esteem in which we hold him and the great service which he has rendered for so many years to the Churches of Christ in America.

The response of the local committee of the Richmond churches in entertaining the Executive Committee has been very gratifying. This committee, which has co-operated with your Secretary and with Dr. Carroll in making arrangements for this meeting consists of the following:

Rev. W. A. Christian, Rev. T. C. Skinner, Rev. J. A. Winn, Rev. Russell Cecil, S. K. McKee, Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr., Rev. H. D. C. Mac-lachlan, Rev. J. Y. Downman, Rev. R. H. Potts, Rev. James Cannon, Rev. F. T. McFaden, Rev. A. V. Colston, Rev. Oscar Culberson, Rev. Oscar Guthe, Waller Holladay, Rev. W. C. James, Rev. W. A. Cooper.

Rev. Wesley Baker, Rev. W. L. Lingle, Rev. George W. Kemper, Jacob Umlauf, John G. Kolbe.

I said, at the beginning of this report, that it would deal only with matters of administration and intimated that it would take several volumes to present the larger work of denominational co-operation of which the Federal Council is, in large measure, the creative agency.

Constant evidence has been borne in upon me as I witness the liberal and unmeasured service of the leaders of our denominations who compose the various committees of the Federal Council. They approach this common work with a splendid spirit of catholicity. They make a fine adjustment between denominational and inter-denominational interests. The correspondence of our office makes it clear that the churches and the pastors are more and more looking to the Federal Council to express their common consciousness, and to solve some of the problems which are common to them all. This is becoming especially true of the correspondence from rural sections and other places where economic pressure is serious. As we face the world situation at this moment, it may be something in the nature of a discovery, to realize that the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America is the one official body of Christians in the world that is acting together and in harmony at this moment. The conflict in Europe has separated all other bodies of Christians, and just as the nations are looking to our nation as the last resource for them all, so may the Christian churches of the world look for light and leading to a body which unites the forces of American Protestantism. I am convinced that new calls will come to us and new opportunities will open to us very soon after the meeting of this Committee. May we here at Richmond, in prayer and conference, and in a serious spirit of faith, make such plans as shall prepare us for whatever God may have for the Churches of Christ in America as united in this Federal Council.

I submit herewith, accompanying this report, the annual report of my associate, Rev. Henry K. Carroll, and in doing so I wish to make record of his brotherly spirit, his considerate attitude, his patience, and his loyal co-operation in all the work which we have had in common, as well as for the large service set forth in his report. The establishment of our office in Washington has already justified itself. Of the things that have been done, there are some which taken alone by themselves, would be worth many times more than the office has cost during this year. I convey this report of Dr. Carroll with feelings of brotherly appreciation and gratitude.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES S. MACFARLAND, *General Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE SECRETARY OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA.

Presented to the Executive Committee at Richmond, Va.,
December 9, 1914.

*To the Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, Secretary of the Federal
Council of the Churches of Christ in America:*

I submit herewith my report as Associate Secretary, to be
conveyed to the Executive Committee.

Bulletin of Church Statistics.

With the approval of the Administrative Committee, the Associate Secretary devoted the months of December and January almost entirely to the gathering and collating of the statistics of all religious denominations, which were issued by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, at the close of January, 1914, in Bulletin No. 8. Advance proofs were sent directly to all the religious newspapers of the United States, Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish, and through a news agency, to a selected list of about 250 daily newspapers. No charge was made for the matter. The leading dailies widely used summaries showing the numerical strength of leading denominations and the increase of the year. The editors of the religious press cordially welcomed the service and a number of them printed all the tables in full, in a few instances in a single issue; in other cases in successive numbers. Thus through the liberality of the Federal Council the information as to the condition and growth of all religious bodies was more widely distributed than ever before. The tables are also used in part or in whole in practically all the year books, religious and secular.

A separate table gives the statistics of ministers, churches and communicants of the constituent bodies of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, which has proved to be of special value in showing members of the National Senate and House of Representatives and others that requests made in the name of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America are supported by a numerous and influential constituency of Evangelical Christians.

A large and continuous demand for copies of this Bulletin indicates its value to citizens of all religions and of no religion. The Census Office has itself referred many inquirers to our Washington Office for specific information and foreign embassies have also been served.

Preparations are being made to issue a Bulletin of Church Statistics for 1914.

The Washington Office.

Suitable rooms were secured and furnished as headquarters of the Washington Office, representing both the Federal Council and the Home Missions Council, its joint supporters, in the Woodward Building at the southeast corner of Fifteenth and H Streets. Occupancy began with the month of February. An Advisory Committee, to give counsel concerning the work of the office and to co-operate with the Associate Secretary in achieving desired results, was nominated to and approved by the Administrative Committee. It embraces representatives of nine constituent bodies of the Federal Council.

Advisory Committee.

Rt. Rev. Alfred Harding, *Chairman*.
Rev. George A. Miller, *Recording Secretary*.
Rev. John Lee Allison.
Bishop Earl Cranston.
Rev. Samuel H. Greene.
John B. Larner.
Rev. Forrest J. Prettyman.
Rev. Wallace Radcliffe.
Rev. Charles F. Steck.
Rev. Jay T. Stocking.
G. W. F. Swartzell.

Increase of Chaplains in the Navy.

A bill prepared for this purpose and approved by the Executive Committee at Baltimore was introduced in the House of Representatives and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, which gave a hearing on it January 20, 1914, at which the Federal Council through Dr. Macfarland, Dr. Radcliffe and the Associate Secretary; the Protestant Episcopal Church, through its Commission; and the Roman Catholic Church were represented. All united in asking that the bill, as approved by the Executive Committee, be adopted with these three features: 1. An increase of chaplains in the Navy so that there shall be one chaplain to every 1,000 of the force. 2. Establishment of the grade of acting chaplain. 3. Removal of discrimination against chaplains in the matter of salary. The Committee reported in favor of an increase from 24 to 52, or in the proportion of one chaplain to every 1,250 of the force and of the creation of the grade of acting chaplain. No recommendation was made that the salaries of chaplains should be made the same as those of other staff officers, physicians, paymasters, etc., of the same grades. The Secretary of the Navy,

upon whose initiative the bill was prepared and pushed, had urged that a large number of welfare secretaries be appointed in addition to an increase of twelve chaplains. The Committee did not view favorably the substitution of lay workers for ordained chaplains.

The Associate Secretary, with the help of members of the Advisory Committee, and especially Chaplain Bayard, followed the varying fortunes of the bill with the most assiduous attention. The paragraphs, however, were excluded in the House on a point of order that they were new legislation in an appropriation bill. A single objection is sufficient, if sustained, to rule out such legislation. Explanations to the objecting member led him to withdraw his point of order, which was renewed by another member, to be withdrawn in turn and to be again made and insisted upon. The bill as it passed the House and went to the Senate contained nothing relating to chaplains.

The Senate Committee on Naval Affairs held no hearings, but agreed to restore the chaplaincy paragraphs entire and they were duly adopted by the Senate. The Committee of Conference agreed to retain them and so reported. But these paragraphs, with many others, were rejected by the House and the bill was sent to Conference again. Finally, however, the chaplaincy provisions were adopted.

Thus was ended with success a campaign which had been carried on for ten years or more. Various sources of influence were sought in securing favorable action, for the opposition, though quiet, was widespread—letters from prominent ministers and laymen to Senators and Representatives; resolutions by general ecclesiastical bodies, such as the Presbyterian and Reformed General Assemblies and the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; personal conferences with Senators and Representatives. The office of the Federal Council sent out several thousand letters to influential men and thus secured important endorsement. Also articles in the religious press, furnished from the Washington Office, editorially supported, and favorable paragraphs in the daily press helped greatly to carry the legislation through.

President Wilson, after signing the bill, expressed his satisfaction with the increased provision for the moral and religious needs of the naval forces. These, numbering 66,000 or more, had the same number of chaplains in 1914 as in 1842, when the men in the Navy numbered only about 12,000.

The Associate Secretary answered scores of inquiries concerning the new provisions and gave candidates the information they desired. With Dr. Radcliffe he visited the Secretary of the Navy and offered such co-operation concerning the se-

curing of new chaplains as the Navy Department might desire. All new chaplains must serve three years as acting chaplains before they can receive permanent commissions, and no more than seven new chaplains can be fully commissioned in any one year.

Association of Chaplains and Others.

In this connection it should be mentioned that the Associate Secretary by invitation attended, September 1st, a meeting in Detroit in connection with the Encampment of the G. A. R., at which was formed an Association for the Promotion of the Moral and Religious Welfare of our Soldiers and Sailors, with the object of promoting the influence and efficiency of chaplains and of enlisting the interest of the Churches in soldiers and sailors. The membership consists of chaplains in the U. S. service, and chaplains of the Grand Army of the Republic and its affiliated societies, and of Confederate Veterans, together with representatives of Churches, and persons elected by the Association. Chaplain Orville J. Nave, of the U. S. Army, retired, Chaplain-in-Chief of the G. A. R., was elected President, and H. K. Carroll, of the Federal Council, Secretary. The Association desires recognition and moral support by the Federal Council, and I would recommend that suitable action be taken in compliance with this request.

Incorporation of the Federal Council.

The Associate Secretary was instructed by the Administrative Committee to secure the formulation and introduction of a bill for the incorporation by Congress of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, in accordance with the action of the Federal Council at Chicago in 1912. He secured copies of acts of incorporation by Congress and embodied them in a bill which was amended and approved by the Hon. H. B. F. Macfarland and Mr. Chief Justice Edward K. Campbell, of the U. S. Court of Claims, Washington, D. C., and after it had been passed upon by the Administrative Committee, it was introduced in the Senate by Senator White, of Alabama, and in the House by Congressman E. W. Roberts, of Massachusetts. It will be taken up and pressed at the present session of Congress. The bill is as follows:

63d Congress, 2d Session, H. R. 17891.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JULY 14, 1914.

Mr. Roberts, of Massachusetts, introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

To incorporate the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Shailer Mathews, Rivington D. Lord, Alfred R. Kimball, E. B. Sanford, Charles S. Macfarland, Henry K. Carroll, Frank Mason North, William I. Haven, J. S. Frazer, George Logie, M. McN. McKay, William M. Bell, F. W. Burnham, William P. Slocum, William North Rice, Robert Watt, James G. Merrill, W. A. Candler, J. D. Gillilan, William Fraser McDowell, Henry J. Callis, Charles P. Anderson, Jesse W. Brooks, G. M. Mathews, James E. Walker, Samuel Fallows, Charles E. Tebbetts, Charles W. Fairbanks, Truman O. Douglass, D. S. Stephens, Roy B. Guild, Frank M. Thomas, George H. Cornelson, junior, Alfred Williams Anthouy, Robert H. Gardiner, Peter Ainslie, John F. Goucher, Alpheus W. Wilson, Howard B. Grose, Joseph W. Mauck, Ame Vennema, Fred P. Geib, William A. Quayle, R. W. Millsaps, Eugene Russell Hendrix, William C. Bitting, Robert Rutledge, George Warren Brown, N. Luccock, Edward Laird Mills, F. T. Rouse, S. A. Thomson, Thomas H. Stacy, William C. Hubbard, S. Alonzo Bright, Thomas M. Harwood, Clarence A. Barbour, E. E. Olcott, Albert G. Lawson, Martyn Summerbell, Hubert C. Herring, William E. Bourquin, James Wood, George Unangst Wenner, J. Edgar Leaycraft, Luther B. Wilson, Alexander Walters, James M. Beck, Morris W. Leibert, James H. Post, Charles L. Thompson, John M. Glenn, Robert L. Rudolph, Arthur E. Main, Henry Wade Rogers, D. B. Coltrane, Charles A. McNamara, Oliver W. Powers, S. K. Mosiman, B. F. Lee, David McKinney, Ruluf A. Chase, Luther R. Dyott, William H. Roberts, William A. Granville, William H. Scott, Ethelbert Talbot, Rufus W. Miller, C. J. Musser, H. B. Hartzler, S. C. Breyfogel, W. H. P. Faunce, William D. Chappelle, James S. Harkness, W. F. Tillett, Frederick D. Kershner, H. J. Talbott, John M. Thomas, Charles P. Janney, Mark A. Matthews, Thomas E. Cramblet, A. E. Dahlmann, William T. Dunm, Earl Cranston, William P. Lipscomb, J. R. Hawkins, Edward K. Campbell, and their successors, together with such persons as they or their successors from time to time associate with them, are hereby constituted a body corporate in fact and name in the District of Columbia, by the name and style of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, for the purpose of promoting the spirit of fellowship, service, and co-operation among the churches constituting said Federal Council, securing

larger efficiency in their work, preventing duplication of effort and expenditure, and increasing their influence by united action.

Sec. 2. That the corporation hereby formed shall have power to take and hold by bequest, devise, gift, purchase, or lease, either absolutely or in trust for any of its purposes, any real or personal property in the United States deemed necessary for the conduct, extension, or development of the business of said corporation, and to transfer, convey, lease, or mortgage such property, and to invest and reinvest any principal, and deal with and expend the income of the corporation in such manner as, in the judgment of the corporation, will best promote the objects aforesaid, subject to such limitations as may now or hereafter be prescribed by law: *Provided*, That the total value of the property owned at any one time by the said corporation shall not exceed \$1,000,000: *Provided further*, That all real property of the corporation in the District of Columbia which shall be used for the religious or philanthropic purposes of the corporation, and all personal property and funds held, used, or invested for religious purposes as aforesaid, or to produce income to be used for such purposes, shall be exempt from taxation.

Sec. 3. That the persons named in the first section of this Act, or a majority of them, may hold a meeting, attending in person or by proxy, and organize such corporation and adopt a constitution and by-laws not inconsistent with law, which shall prescribe the qualifications for membership, the number of members who shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the meetings of the corporation, the number of directors or members of the corporation by whom the business and affairs of the corporation shall be managed, the number, qualification, powers, and manner of selection of the officers and members of the corporation, and such provisions for the administration of the corporation as they deem expedient, and such constitution and by-laws shall be subject to amendment in such manner as they may prescribe. The said persons shall constitute the members of the said corporation for the first year of its existence, subject to the constitution and by-laws thereof: *Provided*, That no member of said corporation shall by reason of such membership be personally liable for any of its debts or obligations.

Sec. 4. That said corporation shall not engage in any business for gain, the purpose of said corporation being religious and philanthropic.

Sec. 5. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Conventions, Conferences and Meetings.

By request of Secretary Macfarland the Associate Secretary attended the National Baptist Convention in Philadelphia, and delivered an address concerning the work of the Federal Council, which is looked upon with increasing favor by this body. He also spoke before the General Conference of the United Evangelical Church, at Barrington, Ill., in October, which body voted heartily to continue its connection with the Federal Council and its financial support and to appoint delegates. In the same month he attended the General Convention of the Disciples of Christ, in Atlanta, Ga., presenting reports of the Federal Council and asking for continued co-operation, which was unhesitatingly voted.

The Associate Secretary by appointment of the Commission on the Church and Social Service attended in Washington sessions of the Child Welfare Congress, representing a large and growing movement; the Sixth Annual meeting of the Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology and noted the patient attention given by eminent jurists and other experts to amendments to the criminal code, improvements in the administration of justice, and reforms in prison management; and the twentieth annual Conference of the National Municipal League, held in Baltimore, Md., beginning November 18th. The reports and addresses, dealing with such municipal subjects as civic education, city courts, and finance; food supply, the liquor problem, and child life in cities, were of high value.

The Associate Secretary, representing the Federal Council Commission on Sunday Observance, assisted at a conference of local churches in Washington for the better observance of Sunday in the District of Columbia.

He attended the Foreign Missions Conference in Garden City, Long Island, in January, and the meeting of the Home Missions Council Executive Committee in New York, in the same month. October 10th he was present at a conference on Christian Work for the American Indians, held in New York.

He spent most of the month of August in the National Office in New York, during the absence of Secretary Macfarland, and after conference with the Secretary of State, presented to President Wilson the action of the Administrative Committee, asking him to designate a Sunday for prayer in the churches, bearing also a letter seconding the request from an official representative of the Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations in the United States.

Hearings Before Congressional Committees.

In addition to his presence at many sessions of the Senate and House in the interest of the Naval Chaplaincy bill, the Associate Secretary attended the hearings by the Senate and House Judiciary Committees on the proposed constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture, traffic in, or importation for beverage purposes, of intoxicating liquors. Action upon the amendment is expected in the House very soon.

He also attended by request of the Commission on the Church and Social Service a hearing by a sub-committee of the House Judiciary Committee of the McGillicuddy Labor Compensation bill; meetings of the Indian Committees of House and Senate with reference to measures for the suppression of the traffic in peyote, etc.

He also visited the Indian Office frequently, the State, Navy and Labor Departments, and did what was possible to secure a hearing in Washington for Professor Gulick of the Commission on Relations with Japan, on America and the Oriental Problem.

The Ghent Peace Centenary Celebration.

The Associate Secretary, as Chairman of the Committee of One Hundred, organized to promote this anniversary among the churches, has been active most of the year in carrying forward this movement, especially during the months of July, August and September. A full report from this Committee will be presented.

Immigration Problems.

At the request of the Immigration Committee of the Home Missions Council, the Associate Secretary spent a day at Ellis Island in company with Rev. Joseph H. Selden, who had minutely investigated and studied conditions there, and took up the matter of securing from Congress, in connection with the Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill, larger supplies of money for building improvements. The conditions under which detained aliens must live there are intolerable and are a reproach to our government. Vastly increased dormitory space, better facilities for segregation, better hospital accommodations, more skilled interpreters are desperately needed, and the Bureau of Immigration in Washington and the Secretary of the Department of Labor are in favor of appropriations to make them possible, but Congress was hurried, appropriations had been already delayed beyond the beginning of the new financial year, July 1, and the Committee would allow only twenty minutes

for a hearing which was occupied by the Commissioner of Immigration himself. The Associate Secretary, after he had failed to get a hearing, presented the matter in a letter to the Chairman of the Senate and House Committees respectively and received in response a letter from a senator stating that in his opinion a good case for enlarged appropriations had been made, but the Committee would do nothing this year. This important matter should be pressed until these wrongs are righted.

Sectarian Appropriations.

It is probably not generally known that two of the appropriation bills annually adopted by Congress, the District of Columbia, and the Sundry Civil Bill, carry considerable sums of money for the support of sectarian institutions in the District of Columbia, notwithstanding the Congressional declaration of policy some twelve or fifteen years ago that appropriations to Sectarian Indian schools would be discontinued.

Providence Hospital has received in the last ten years from Congressional appropriations more than \$559,000, a large part of which was for buildings; St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum for Boys, St. Rose's Technical School, St. Ann's Infant Asylum, the House of the Good Shepherd and the Little Sisters of the Poor also receive annual appropriations from the government. These institutions all appear in the ecclesiastical directory of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. There is also an annual appropriation for the Florence Crittenton Hope and Help Mission.

General Service.

The Associate Secretary has placed his services at the disposal of all the constituent bodies of the Council and their assemblies, the denominational boards of the Home Missions Council and the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, expressing his desire to be called upon freely to serve either their denominational or their common interests.

He has also corresponded with all the social and moral reform agencies, enrolled in the Year Book of the Church and Social Service, as co-operating bodies with the Commission on the Church and Social Service, offering to assist in every way possible the interests of these movements at Washington.

He has fulfilled several tasks entrusted to him by the Federal Council Commission on Peace and Arbitration and by the Commission on Christian Education relative to instruction on International Peace in Sunday-schools.

He has established connections with the pastors and churches and the various agencies centering at Washington so that he can readily and often instantaneously carry out such instructions as may be conveyed to him by the Federal Council, its commissions, its constituent bodies, and the denominational boards and departments.

The literature of the Council has been distributed in Washington.

In November I visited Richmond and made arrangements with the local committee for the annual meeting of the Executive Committee.

At the time of writing this report I am preparing to go to Colorado, to serve with a Committee of the Commission on the Church and Social Service, relative to the industrial situation.

Respectfully submitted,

H. K. CARROLL,
Associate Secretary.

RECORDS OF THE MEETING
of the
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

of the
**Federal Council of the Churches
of Christ in America**

Young Men's Christian Association Building, Rich-
mond, Virginia, December 9-11, 1914

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1914, ■ P. M.

In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chairman, Rev. Howard B. Grose.

Devotional services were conducted by Bishop Alexander Walters.

Rev. Rufus W. Miller and Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer were elected Assistant Recording Secretaries.

The following recommendation, presented by the Administrative Committee, was adopted:

"That at the opening of the first session of the Executive Committee a message be sent to our Honorary Secretary, Rev. E. B. Sanford; to the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Rev. Frank Mason North; and to the Chairman of the Administrative Committee, Rev. William I. Haven; Drs. North and Haven being now in the Orient in the interests of their special work on behalf of the churches."

In compliance with this action the following communication was sent by telegram to Dr. Sanford, the sending of the messages to Drs. North and Haven being referred to the Recording Secretary:

"Rev. E. B. Sanford:

The Executive Committee of the Federal Council, by action taken at its opening session, sends affectionate greetings. May you see of the travail of your soul and be satisfied. God bless you and yours.

RIVINGTON D. LORD, *Recording Secretary.*"

The following recommendation of the Administrative Committee was adopted:

"That a Committee on Credentials be appointed, to which shall be referred the filling of vacancies, and that this Committee shall act with the Treasurer relative to the traveling expenses of the members of the Executive Committee."

The following agenda, presented by the Administrative Committee, was adopted:

Devotional Service.

1. Election of Assistant Recording Secretaries.
2. Roll call.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Election of a Business Committee.
5. Determination as to the hours of sessions.
6. Report of the Richmond Committee.
7. Minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Committee.
8. Annual Report of the Administrative Committee, including the following specific matters referred to the Executive Committee:
 - a. Communication from the Provincial Elders' Conference of the Moravian Church in America, relative to the 500th anniversary of the martyrdom of John Hus.
 - b. Recommendations regarding provision for a World Congress of the Churches.
 - c. Report of special committee appointed by the Administrative Committee on Relations with the European Churches.
 - d. Communication from the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.
 - e. Action relative to the office at Washington, D. C.
 - f. Further recommendations of the Administrative Committee.
9. Introduction of other matters for reference to the Business Committee.
10. Report of the Secretary and the Associate Secretary, including various recommendations as follows:

Recommendations of the Secretary.

- a. Concerning proposals of the Commission on Relations with Japan.
- b. Action relative to moral tone of the Panama-Pacific Exposition.
- c. Action concerning the report of the Presbyterian Assemblies.
- d. Action on the requests of the General Conference of the Colored M. E. Church in America.
- e. Proposals of the Commission on Peace and Arbitration.
- f. Regarding a Field Secretary.
- g. Action concerning World Congress and relations with churches in Europe.

Recommendations of the Associate Secretary.

- a. Regarding Bulletin of Church Statistics.
- b. Immigration problems.
- c. The Association of Chaplains.

11. Report of the Treasurer.

12. Reports of Special Committees:

- a. Advisory Committee at Washington, D. C.
- b. Committee on American Peace Centenary.
- c. Committee on Religious Work at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.
- d. Other Special Committees.

13. Report of the delegates to the Church Peace Conference at Constance.

14. Report of Home Missions Council.

15. Reports of Commissions:

- a. Commission on Foreign Missions.
- b. Commission on Home Missions.
- c. Commission on Christian Education.
- d. Commission on Church and Social Service.
- e. Commission on Family Life.
- f. Commission on Sunday Observance.
- g. Commission on Temperance.
- h. Commission on Peace and Arbitration.
- i. Commission on Evangelism.
- j. Commission on State and Local Federations.

16. Reports of Special Commissions:

- a. Joint Commission on Theological Seminaries.
- b. Commission on Relations with Japan.

17. Miscellaneous Business.

It was

VOTED that the Business Committee be composed of these members of the Administrative Committee present, with such others as may be nominated by them.

It was

VOTED that the sessions of the Executive Committee be as follows:

Wednesday, 2:00 to 5:30 P. M.

Thursday, 4:00 to 6:00 P. M. and 8:00 to 10:00 P. M.

Friday, 9:00 A. M. to the time of adjournment.

The annual report of the Administrative Committee was presented by the Recording Secretary, consisting of the following digest of the more important actions taken by the Administrative Committee since the last annual meeting of the Executive Committee:

Report of Administrative Committee.

"Fourteen meetings of the Administrative Committee have been held on the following dates: December 18, 1913; January 23, February 11, March 12, April 9, April 30, June 11, June 30, August 17, September 14, September 21, October 8, November 9, December 9, 1914.

"At the first meeting of the Committee the following items referred by the Executive Committee were put upon the agenda for consideration:

- Action concerning General Secretary.
- Office and Associate Secretary at Washington, D. C.
- Request of the Commission on the Church and Social Service for an Associate Secretary whose time shall be devoted entirely to the work of that Commission.
- Panama Exposition.
- Matters in connection with incorporation by Congress.
- The proposed nature of the next meeting of the Executive Committee and the place of meeting.
- Overtures relative to Special Sundays for social causes.
- Relationship with the Evangelical Alliance and the Week of Prayer.
- Provision for a finance committee to include representatives of the various commissions.
- Open or closed sessions of the Executive Committee.
- Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws.
- Election of new members and alternates of the Executive Committee.
- Action regarding proposed World Congress.
- Matters relative to publicity and the dissemination of religious news and literature.
- Further invitations to evangelical bodies to become constituent bodies of the Council.
- Further action relative to Joint Committee on Eastern Race Relationships.

"December 18, 1913.

"The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee, which were not read at Baltimore, were read and approved.

"*Voted*, That it is our judgment that the salary of the Associate Secretary should begin with December 1, 1913.

"January 23, 1914.

"*Voted*, That the time for the week of prayer be fixed for the week beginning the Lenten period, and that the call for the week of prayer be referred to a Committee consisting of Secretary Macfarland and Dr. Grose for revision.

"Secretary Macfarland called attention to the fact that Rev. William H. Roberts' seventieth birthday would occur on January 31, 1914.

"*Voted*, That the Chairman and Secretary be requested to prepare suitable resolutions of congratulation on behalf of the Administrative Committee of the Federal Council and that a copy of the same be sent to Dr. Roberts and also spread upon our Minutes.

"The following message was conveyed:

"January 30, 1914.

'To Rev. William Henry Roberts,
515 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

'DEAR DR. ROBERTS:

'At the meeting of your associates in the Administrative Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, held on January 23d, the Secretary called the attention of the Committee to the fact that on January 31st you would reach three score years and ten.

'Your associates requested us to convey to you their warmest greetings.

'You have for many many years exemplified before the Churches of Christ in America the possibility of the deepest and most unfaltering loyalty to your own denomination, together with an equal devotion to the interests of the Kingdom of God, including the churches of other faiths and the great movements created by the churches.

'You have so adjusted these interests in your own personal influence and official service that the one has made the other deeper and more effective.

'Your associates express, not only their own gratitude and appreciation, but also the gratitude of the Churches of Christ in America, for your long and unhesitating service and leadership in the common task of the Churches of Christ.

'We express our prayerful wish that many more years of service may be before you.

'On behalf of the Administrative Committee,

'Faithfully yours,

(Signed)

WILLIAM I. HAVEN,
Chairman.

(Signed)

CHARLES S. MACFARLAND,
Secretary.'

"Secretary Macfarland submitted his report with certain resolutions.

"*Voted*, To receive the report, and, after discussion of the resolutions seriatim, they were adopted as follows:

"That in compliance with the vote of the Federal Council recognizing the Home Missions Council 'as the proper organization of the churches at the present time for co-ordinating home missions activities,' the Administrative Committee approves the action of the Commission on Home Missions and the Action of the Home Missions Council; endorses the proposed co-operation of the Home Missions Council with the Federal Council through its Commission on Home Missions; invites the Chairman and Secretary of the Home Missions Council to meet with the Administrative Committee as Advisory Members; and invites the Home Missions Council to present records of its work to the Executive Committee of the Federal Council and to the Federal Council.

"That the Secretary of the Federal Council be also instructed to arrange with the Home Missions Council for representatives of the Federal Council in its membership.

"That the Administrative Committee recommend that the Commission on Foreign Missions bring about the closest possible relationship with the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, and that the Commission offer to the Conference any assistance possible for the provision of its needs.

"That in response to the recommendation of Robert E. Speer, the Chairman of the Commission on Foreign Missions, the Secretary of the Federal Council be empowered to act for the Federal Council Commission on Foreign Missions in arranging a nation-wide hearing for Rev. Sidney L. Gulick as a representative of Christian Missionaries in Japan relative to Eastern Race Relationships, and that the Treasurer, Mr. Kimball, be empowered to arrange for the necessary expenses of Dr. Gulick.

"That in response to the recommendation of Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, the Chairman of the Commission on Peace and Arbitration, the Secretary of the Federal Council and the Secretary of the Commission on Peace and Arbitration be authorized to participate in negotiations relative to a world-wide movement for international peace, in association with the various church bodies of America and other nations, and to report the plans and progress of the movement to the Administrative Committee."

"*Voted*, That the Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and any other members of the Administrative Committee who are members of the Home Missions Council take up with the Home Missions Council the matter of the adjustment of Dr. Carroll's salary, and the expenses of the office at Washington.

"*Voted*, That we express our appreciation of the election by the Home Missions Council of Dr. Carroll as the Joint Secretary at Washington, D. C.

"*Voted*, That we express our hearty appreciation to the Home Missions Council for their recent action in regard to co-operation in home mission work.

"*Voted*, That the salary of the Secretary be fixed at \$5,000 a year beginning January 1, 1914.

"*Voted*, That we supplement the amount given by the Congregational Relief Fund for the salary of Dr. Sanford by an amount sufficient to make the total amount \$1,500 for the ensuing year.

"A letter was read by the Recording Secretary sent to the Chairman by Robert H. Gardiner under date of January 22, 1914, relative to revising the constitution of the Federal Council so that other churches than those now members might be eligible for membership in the Council."

"February 11—

"The Recording Secretary read the following communication, which he had received from William T. Demarest, Secretary of the Home Missions Council:

"February 10, 1914.

"At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Home Missions Council held yesterday, the action of the Administrative Committee of the Federal Council concerning proposed co-operation between the Home Missions Council and the Federal Council was considered, and the following action was taken:

'1st. It was voted to express the appreciation of the Home Missions Council to the Federal Council for its action in in-

viting the Chairman and the Secretary of the Home Missions Council to sit as advisory members of its Administrative Committee.

'2d. It was voted to invite the Federal Council to name five delegates to sit as corresponding members of the Home Missions Council.

'Inasmuch as it may be proper to include the names of the delegates from the Federal Council in the list of those entitled to sit in the Home Missions Council in the Proceedings of the Annual Meeting, soon to be published, it might be well if these delegates could be named at an early date, and the action of the Council transmitted to the undersigned.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) WILLIAM T. DEMAREST.'

"Voted, That the request of the Home Missions Council 'to name five delegates to sit as corresponding members of the Council' be granted and that the Chairman and Secretary of the Administrative Committee appoint these delegates.

"Voted, That President Shailer Mathews and Bishop E. R. Hendrix be constituted a special committee to convey to Rev. Frederick Lynch our high appreciation of his services as Secretary of the Commission on Peace and Arbitration, and also our congratulations on his new position and good wishes for the great opportunity afforded him of service in the cause of Peace and Arbitration.

"The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

'Resolved, That President Shailer Mathews and Bishop E. R. Hendrix be constituted a special committee to prepare and engross suitable resolutions, signed by them and the officials of the Administrative Committee, of the high appreciation of the Federal Council to Mr. Andrew Carnegie for his munificent endowment of the Church Peace Union.'

"March 12—

"The following, having been nominated by the denominational delegations for membership on the Executive Committee, were approved by vote of the Administrative Committee:

"National Baptist Convention.

Rev. J. E. Ford.

Rev. W. F. Graham.

John Mitchell.

William H. Steward.

"Methodist Protestant Church.

Samuel Hastings Kelly.

"Protestant Episcopal Church Commissions on Christian Unity and Social Service.

George Wharton Pepper.

"Colored M. E. Church in America.

Rev. N. C. Cleaves.

Rev. J. A. Hamlett.

Rev. C. H. Tobias.

"Reformed Presbyterian Church (General Synod).

John A. Wilson.

"March 12—

Joint Committee on Eastern Race Relationships.

"It was voted that a committee of three be appointed by the Chairman to arrange with Dr. Gulick for the continuation of his work for six months or a year, said Committee to provide ways and means and to represent the Joint Committee in securing the necessary financial support for the continuation of Dr. Gulick's work.

"The Chair appointed the following members:

Robert E. Speer.
Rev. Frank Mason North.
Rev. Frederick Lynch.

"April 9—

"The following revised list of members of the Washington Advisory Committee, having been nominated, were duly elected by a vote of the Administrative Committee:

Rt. Rev. Alfred Harding	Rev. George A. Miller
Bishop Earl Cranston	Rev. Charles F. Steck
Rev. Wallace Radcliffe	Rev. John Lee Allison
Rev. Jay T. Stocking	Rev. Samuel H. Greene
Rev. Forrest J. Prettyman	G. W. F. Swartzell

"Secretary Macfarland read a letter dated April 2, 1914, addressed to the Federal Council, signed by John S. Romig, Secretary, in behalf of the brethren of the Provincial Elders' Conference of the Moravian Church in America, requesting the Federal Council to send out an invitation to the Protestant Churches of America to join in a general celebration of the 500th anniversary of the martyrdom of John Hus.

"*Voted*, That this request be referred to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

"Secretary Macfarland read a letter dated March 10, 1914, signed by Fred P. Haggard, Home Secretary of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, stating that the Society would commemorate the 100th anniversary of its history by a Judson Centennial Celebration to be held in Tremont Temple in the City of Boston, June 24-25, 1914; that the afternoon of June 25th had been set apart for receiving the formal greetings of other missionary bodies, and requesting the Federal Council to be represented by a delegate whom they would be pleased to welcome and recognize during all the sessions of the Judson Centennial Celebration.

"*Voted*, That the Secretary be requested to prepare a suitable communication from the Council to send to Dr. Haggard and that Dr. Lawson be chosen as our representative to the Judson Centennial Celebration.

"Secretary Macfarland read a letter dated March 19, 1914, signed by Robert E. Speer, stating that at a recent meeting of the Latin America Co-operation Committee 'the suggestion of a special day of prayer for Mexico, to be observed throughout the American Church,' was considered and it was voted to refer the suggestion, with the approval of the Committee, to the Federal Council.

"*Voted*, That a special committee consisting of the Secretary and Dr. Speer be appointed to take this matter under consideration and if it is deemed advisable, to set a day and to issue a call for a day of prayer for Mexico.

"April 17—

Joint Committee on Eastern Race Relationships.

"A resolution of the Special Committee of Five was adopted as follows:

'Resolved, That in response to the memorials of bodies of missionaries in Japan, submitted to the Federal Council, there be appointed on behalf of the Federal Council, a Commission of Nine, whose general scope of service shall be to study the entire question of the application of the teachings of Christ to our relations with Japan, and to promote such influences and activities as shall lead to the right relationships between the peoples of these two nations.'

"Voted, That the Special Committee of Five consisting of Rev. Frank Mason North, Rev. Albert G. Lawson, Rev. Frederick Lynch, John R. Mott, Robert E. Speer, and the Chairman of the Administrative Committee, Rev. William I. Haven, be a committee to nominate such a Commission, to report back to this Joint Committee at a meeting to be called as soon as they are ready to report their nominations.

"The following action was taken relative to Items Nos. 2 and 3 of the Report of the Secretary of the Federal Council in Bulletin No. 12, dated March 15th:

'(2) The sending of an ambassador of the churches to convey a message to the Japanese people, or the Eastern peoples in general, from the Federal Council, as representing the Christian sentiment of America.

'(3) An invitation to some representative of the Japanese people to come to this country for the same purpose.'

"Voted, That the recommendations be referred to the Commission above provided for, with the recommendation that favorable action be taken upon them and that the Commission be given full power to act in these matters.

"The report of the Special Committee of Three was approved, authorizing the engagement of Dr. Gulick up to January 1, 1915, with the understanding that the time be extended if found expedient and providing that Dr. Gulick's arrangements be referred to the Commission on Relations with Japan and that the whole matter be turned over to this Commission for future procedure.

"Voted, That pending the appointment of the Commission, the Secretary of the Federal Council be authorized to continue the arrangements under which Dr. Gulick is now serving, and that he be authorized to make the necessary financial and other provision for this work until such time as it shall come under the jurisdiction of the proposed Commission.

"Voted, That in visiting the various denominational assemblies the Secretary of the Federal Council acquaint these bodies with the above actions.

"April 30—

Joint Committee on Eastern Race Relationships.

"The following report of the Nominating Committee was received and adopted:

'Your Committee recommends that the Commission on Relations with Japan be composed of nine persons to be added to

the present sub-committee, the latter being composed of official representatives of the Federal Council administration. This would make a full commission of fifteen, which seems necessary in order to include full representation of the interests involved.

'We, therefore, nominate as the full Commission the following:

- Rev. Charles R. Brown, Dean of Yale Divinity School.
- Hon. John W. Foster, Washington, D. C.
- Rev. William I. Haven, Chairman Administrative Committee of Federal Council.
- Professor Charles R. Henderson, Chicago University.
- Bishop E. R. Hendrix, Kansas City, of the M. E. Church, South.
- Rev. Albert G. Lawson, Member Administrative Committee of Federal Council.
- Rev. Frederick Lynch, Secretary Church Peace Union.
- Bishop Francis J. McConnell, Denver, Colorado, of the M. E. Church.
- John R. Mott, Secretary World's Student Christian Federation.
- Rev. Frank Mason North, Chairman Executive Committee of Federal Council.
- George Wharton Pepper, of Philadelphia.
- Rev. Doremus Scudder, Pastor of the Union Church, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- Robert E. Speer, Chairman Commission on Foreign Missions of the Federal Council.
- President George E. Vincent, University of Minnesota.
- Hon. Amos P. Wilder, recently Consul at Shanghai, China.

'Your Committee recommends that the Commission be given power to add to its number or to make substitutions for any who may be unable to serve upon approval by the Administrative Committee of the Federal Council.'

"June 11—

"*Voted*, That it is the judgment of the Committee that the publications of the Federal Council should be confined almost exclusively to documents, pamphlets, etc., that may be prepared for it under its direction.

"*Voted*, That in response to the request from the Federal Council Commission on Peace and Arbitration, the Administrative Committee approves the joint plans of the Church Peace Union of America and the associated councils of churches in the British and German Empires for a Congress on International Peace to be held at Constance, Germany, August 2-5, 1914, of whose Committee of Arrangements the Secretary of the Federal Council is a member.

"That the Secretary of the Council, Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, and the representative of the Commission on Relations with Japan, Rev. Sidney L. Gulick, be elected as executive delegates to the Congress, and that the Treasurer, Mr. Alfred R. Kimball, be authorized to secure and receive appropriations which have been tendered to cover the traveling expenses of these two representatives.

"A large number of other delegates was also elected.

"*Voted*, That these delegates be requested to have a meeting at the close of the Congress and prepare a report to be submitted to the Commission on Peace and Arbitration and to the Federal Council.

"*Voted*, That the Secretary prepare and send to Miss Alla Libbey a minute of our high appreciation of her long and faithful service as director of the general office work.

"Mr. Glenn, Chairman of the Special Committee on fixing the time and place of the next Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee, recommended that the meeting be held on December 9-11, 1914, at Richmond, Va.

"*Voted*, to approve the recommendation of the Committee.

"Secretary Macfarland reported that he had a copy of the proposed bill for the incorporation of the Federal Council.

"*Voted*, to refer the bill to a special committee consisting of Mr. Glenn and the Chairman of the Committee to consider the same and report to the Associate Secretary, Dr. Carroll, their findings.

"It was stated that Dr. Haven expected to be absent from the city for a period of six months on a missionary tour of the Orient.

"*Voted*, That Dr. Lawson be elected Acting Chairman during the absence of Dr. Haven.

"June 30—

"*Voted*, That in accordance with the action of the Executive Committee taken under date of March 6, 1912, relative to the publication of literature, that a special committee on literature consisting of the chairman or acting chairman of the Administrative Committee, Rev. Rivington D. Lord, and Rev. Rufus W. Miller, be appointed to meet the provisions of Section III, which reads as follows:

'Where books or pamphlets are to be issued which in substance or form require the authorization of the Federal Council, they shall be subject to the approval of the Business Committee, which may, however, delegate its responsibility to a Sub-Committee on Literature, which it is hereby empowered to appoint.'

"September 14—

"*Voted*, That the Secretary send to President Wilson an expression of appreciation at his response to the request of the Federal Council relative to the appointment of the Day of Prayer, October 4, 1914.

"The following were appointed as a committee to prepare a call to the churches for the Day of Prayer, October 4th: Doctors Strong, Lynch, Carroll, Lawson, and the Secretary.

"September 21—

"Secretary Macfarland reported that the call to prayer had been sent out to the churches through the press.

"Associate Secretary Carroll reported concerning his interviews with the editor of the *Christian Herald* and other religious papers relative to raising a fund for widows and orphans in Europe.

"*Voted*, That Secretary Macfarland and Associate Secretary Carroll be authorized to send out a statement to the churches that the Federal Council is prepared to receive and transmit funds for legitimate specified objects in connection with the war.

"October 8—

"*Voted*, That the matter of the proposed World Congress be referred to the Executive Committee with the recommendation that the Executive Committee appoint a committee to arrange for such a Congress.

"November 9—

"Secretary Macfarland reported for the special committee appointed on traveling expenses for the next annual meeting of the Executive Committee, suggesting that the railroad fare of the members of the Executive Committee be paid in cases where necessary.

"*Voted*, That the suggestion made by the special committee be made the action of the Administrative Committee.

"Secretary Macfarland presented a letter from Rabbi H. Pereira Mendes in regard to the religious situation in Europe, also an utterance on the same subject which had been drafted by President Shailer Mathews, and recommended that the Federal Council consider the sending of a commission to Europe for prayer and conference with the religious leaders, carrying the goodwill and love of the churches of America to the churches of Europe.

"*Voted*, That we approve of the appointment of an embassy to carry messages of love and sympathy from the churches of America to the churches of Europe, and that a committee be appointed by the Chair to take up the whole subject and to report to the Executive Committee at the next annual meeting to be held at Richmond, Va., December 9-11, 1914.

"The following committee was appointed:

Rev. Josiah Strong	
Rev. Charles L. Thompson	
John M. Glenn	
Rev. Albert G. Lawson, Acting Chairman	} ex-officio.
Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, Secretary	

"*Voted*, That the utterance drafted by President Shailer Mathews, together with the communication received from Rabbi Mendes be referred to the above committee.

"Rev. Charles L. Thompson requested the appointment of a committee of three to confer with a similar committee appointed by the Home Missions Council in regard to the work of the Associate Secretary at Washington, the joint committee to meet at the close of this meeting.

"The Chairman appointed as the committee Dr. Miller, Dr. Roberts and Dr. Lawson.

"December 9—

"Dr. Miller submitted the report of the Special Committee appointed to confer with a similar committee of the Home Missions Council in regard to the Washington office.

"*Voted*, To accept the report of the Committee and that it be referred with our approval to the Executive Committee.

"Secretary Macfarland submitted an agenda for the annual meeting of the Executive Committee.

"*Voted*, That it be approved and submitted to the Executive Committee for adoption.

"*Voted*, That the following recommendations be approved and submitted to the Executive Committee for adoption:

'(1) That the Executive Committee appoint a Committee of Three on Credentials, to which shall be referred the filling of vacancies in the membership of the Executive Committee and that this Committee shall act with the Treasurer in the matter of the payment of the traveling expenses of the members of the Executive Committee.

'(2) That the sessions of this annual meeting of the Executive Committee be open sessions as usual, except, that if the occasion arises, the Committee may go into executive session.

'(3) That those members of the Administrative Committee present be constituted the Business Committee of the Executive Committee, with power to add to their number.

'(4) That when the report of the Commission on Relations with Japan is considered Rev. Sidney L. Gulick be appointed as our Special Representative to Japan, to accompany President Shailer Mathews.

'(5) That at the opening of the first session of the Executive Committee a special message of greeting and of love be ordered to be sent to our beloved Honorary Secretary, Rev. Elias B. Sanford, and that similar greetings be sent to Rev. Frank Mason North, Chairman of the Executive Committee, and to Rev. William I. Haven, Chairman of the Administrative Committee, who are now on a missionary tour in the Orient.

'(6) That the hours of the sessions of this meeting of the Executive Committee be as follows:

Wednesday, December 9—2:00-5:30 P. M.

Thursday, December 10—4:00-6:00 P. M. and 8:00-10:00 P. M.

Friday, December 11—9:00 A. M. to time of adjournment.

(Signed)

ALBERT G. LAWSON,
Acting Chairman.

RIVINGTON D. LORD,
Recording Secretary."

It was

VOTED that the report be received and approved, and that the recommendations be referred to the Business Committee.

It was

VOTED that the Executive Committee express its appreciation of the faithful services rendered during the year by the Administrative Committee.

Rev. William H. Roberts expressed his appreciation of the recognition, by the Administrative Committee, of his seventieth birthday.

A large number of resolutions of a miscellaneous character were received and referred to the Business Committee, together with a list of the same prepared by the Secretary of the Council.

The Secretary of the Council, Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, introduced Rev. W. A. Christian, Chairman of the Richmond Committee, who made an address of welcome to which the Chairman, Dr. Grose and Dr. Macfarland made suitable response.

Secretary Macfarland presented to the Executive Committee the Hon. William Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State.

Secretary Macfarland presented his annual report, which was received and adopted, the several recommendations were referred to the Business Committee.

Unanimous consent was requested for a season of prayer in view of the significant and far-reaching recommendations and plans contained in the report of the Secretary, and the meeting was led in prayer by Rev. William H. Roberts.

The Associate Secretary, Rev. Henry K. Carroll, presented his report, which was received and adopted, the recommendations were referred to the Business Committee.

The Treasurer, Alfred R. Kimball, presented a general report stating that the details would appear in printed form at the end of the fiscal year.

The report was received.

It was

VOTED that the Executive Committee express its high appreciation of the efficient services of the Secretary, Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, the Associate Secretary, Rev. Henry K. Carroll, and the Treasurer, Alfred R. Kimball.

It was

VOTED that the order of the day at 4:30 P. M. be the hearing of an address to the Committee by Hon. William Jennings Bryan, who is serving as an alternate of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

The annual report of the Commission on Evangelism was presented by the Chairman, Rev. William H. Roberts, which was received and adopted, the recommendations and resolutions were referred to the Business Committee.

The Chairman appointed as the Committee on Credentials: Rev. Albert G. Lawson, Alfred R. Kimball and Rev. Alfred W. Anthony.

The Hon. William Jennings Bryan was introduced and made an address expressing his great confidence in the future of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, his gratification at its rapidly increasing power and influence, and urging especially that it mass the power of the churches in the interest of temperance and total abstinence.

The Chairman of the Commission on Temperance, Rev. Rufus W. Miller, announced that the President of the Council had appointed Mr. Bryan as a member of the Commission on Temperance.

The report of the Committee of One Hundred on Religious Activities at the Panama-Pacific Exposition was presented by Rev. H. H. Bell, Secretary of the Committee. It was received and referred to the Business Committee.

It was

VOTED that the Committee on Credentials be continued beyond this session of the Executive Committee, and that it be requested during the year to compile the acts or laws of the

various constituent bodies relating to the representation of the constituent bodies in the Federal Council and in the Executive Committee and to report to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

A resolution relative to the observance of the quarto-centennial of the Protestant Reformation was received and referred to the Business Committee.

It was announced that Charles P. Janney, member of the Executive Committee from the Presbyterian Church in the United States, had been called home by telegram because of serious illness in his family.

It was

VOTED that Mr. Janney be granted leave of absence and that an expression of sympathy be sent to him by the Recording Secretary.

It was

VOTED to adjourn until 4:00 P. M. on Thursday.

The closing prayer was offered by Rev. Sidney L. Gulick, Representative of the Commission on Relations with Japan.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 8:00 P. M.

By invitation of the Committee of the Richmond Churches, the Executive Committee attended a mass meeting at the City Auditorium at which Governor Stewart of Virginia and Mayor Ainslie of the city were present, and at which President Shailer Mathews and Hon. William Jennings Bryan addressed a gathering of over 3,500 people.

The subject of Professor Mathews' address was Militant Idealism and Secretary Bryan took for his subject The Unity of the Churches and International Peace.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10.

The forenoon of Thursday and the earlier part of the afternoon were reserved for the annual meetings of the various commissions and committees, and for sessions of the Business Committee.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 4:00 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chairman and devotional services were conducted by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, former President of the Federal Council.

The minutes of the session of December 9th were read and approved.

It was reported that Bishop Earl Cranston had been necessarily detained at the last moment and would not be able to attend this meeting. It was voted that he be excused.

The Secretary of the Council, Dr. Macfarland, reminded the Committee that for several years the Federal Council had sent fraternal delegates to the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, spoke of the mutual value of this relationship, and introduced Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, as the representative of over two millions of the working men of the nation.

President Gompers made an address expressing the gratitude of the working men for the interest of the churches in their problems, set forth the ultimate aims and purposes of the American Federation of Labor, called attention to the difficulties of some of its problems, said that Dr. Macfarland had been a helpful counsellor upon them, and expressed gratification at the conferences recently held between the representatives of labor and Dr. Gulick and Dr. Macfarland, in an effort to conserve the interests of our working men without offending other nations.

Bishop E. R. Hendrix responded, and made a statement relative to the declarations of the Council at Philadelphia in 1908 upon industrial questions.

The Chairman of the Business Committee, Rev. Albert G. Lawson, recommended for that Committee that the first order of the session be the report of the Committee on Credentials, and that this be followed by the report of the Business Committee.

The recommendation was adopted.

The Committee on Credentials reported the attendance of members, accredited alternates and corresponding members as follows:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Members at Large.

Bishop E. R. Hendrix.
Rev. William H. Roberts.
Professor Shailer Mathews.
Rev. Rivington D. Lord.
Alfred R. Kimball.

Denominational Representatives, including Alternates Serving as Principals.

Baptist Churches, North.

Rev. Charles H. Dodd—Alternate.
Rev. Howard B. Gröse.
Rev. Fred P. Haggard—Alternate.
Rev. Albert G. Lawson.

National Baptist Convention.

Rev. J. E. Ford.
 Rev. W. F. Graham.
 John Mitchell, Jr.
 William H. Steward.

Free Baptist Churches.

Rev. Alfred Wms. Anthony.

Christian Church.

Rev. O. W. Powers.
 Rev. Martyn Summerbell.

Congregational Churches.

Rev. Hubert C. Herring.
 Rev. J. T. Stocking—Alternate.

Disciples of Christ.

Rev. Peter Ainslie.
 Rev. F. W. Burnham.
 Rev. George A. Miller--Alternate.

Friends.

Charles E. Tebbetts.

German Evangelical Synod.

Rev. Oscar Guthe—Alternate.

Lutheran Church, General Synod.

Pres. William A. Granville.
 Rev. George U. Wenner.

Mennonite Church, General Conference

Rev. A. M. Fretz—Alternate.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Bishop Luther B. Wilson.

Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

D. B. Coltrane.
 Rev. W. F. Tillett.

A. M. E. Zion Church.

Prof. T. W. Wallace.
 Bishop Alexander Walters.

Colored M. E. Church in America.

Rev. J. A. Hamlett.

Methodist Protestant Church.

Rev. Lyman E. Davis.

Moravian Church.

Rev. Paul de Schweinitz—Alternate.

Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Hon. William J. Bryan—Alternate.
 Rev. H. C. Minton—Alternate.
 Rev. William Mudge—Alternate.
 Rev. Charles L. Thompson.

Presbyterian Church in the U. S.

C. P. Janney.

Rev. H. H. Sweets—Alternate.

Protestant Episcopal Church.

Rev. Russell Bowie—Alternate.

Rev. Frank M. Crouch—Alternate.

John M. Glenn.

Reformed Church in America.

Rev. Jesse W. Brooks.

Reformed Church in the U. S.

Rev. Rufus W. Miller.

Rev. C. J. Musser.

Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer—Alternate.

Reformed Episcopal Church.

Rt. Rev. Robert L. Rudolph.

Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Rev. A. J. C. Bond—Alternate.

Rev. Arthur E. Main.

United Presbyterian Church.

Rev. W. E. McCulloch—Alternate.

Welsh Presbyterian Church.

Rev. R. E. Williams—Alternate.

The following corresponding members were present:

Members of the Commission on Foreign Missions.

Rev. W. H. Denison.

Rev. Robert C. Holland.

Members of the Commission on Home Missions.

Prof. Jacob A. Clutz.

Rev. A. S. Hartman.

R. E. Magill.

Rev. Charles Whitney.

Members of the Commission on Christian Education.

S. G. Atkins.

Rev. Robert H. Brennecke.

Rev. Charles D. Bulla.

Rev. W. E. Chalmers.

Rev. Joseph W. Cochran.

Rev. Henry F. Cope.

Harrison S. Elliott.

Rev. E. Morris Fergusson.

President W. A. Harper.

Rev. E. W. MacCorkle.

Rev. Henry H. Meyer.

Rev. A. L. Phillips.

Prof. Norman E. Richardson.

President Frank K. Sanders.

President George B. Stewart.

Rev. W. J. Thompson.

Ernest L. Tustin.

Members of the Commission on the Church and Social Service.

Rev. Henry A. Atkinson.
Rev. B. C. Davis.
Prof. James R. Howerton.
Rev. William E. Lampe.
A. J. McKelway.
Rev. F. A. Starratt.
Rev. Warren H. Wilson.

Members of the Commission on Family Life.

Rev. Russell Cecil.
Hastings H. Hart.
Rev. C. A. Vincent.
President William A. Webb.

Members of the Commission on Evangelism.

Rev. C. E. Creitz.
Miss Ethel Cutler.
Rev. J. M. Dean.
Charles W. Dorsey.
Rev. Robert H. Fleming.
Bishop W. H. Fouke.
Rev. Richard Orme Flinn.
Charles L. Huston.
Rev. H. R. Keates.
Rev. George G. Mahy.
Rev. A. Pohlman.
Rev. J. O. Randall.
Rev. O. M. Voorhees.
Rev. A. F. Wiest.

Members of the Commission on State and Local Federations.

Rev. E. T. Root.
Rev. E. R. Wright.

Members of the Commission on Sunday Observance

Rev. H. L. Bowlby.
Rev. W. F. Crafts.
Rev. W. W. Davis.
Rev. M. D. Kneeland.
Rev. W. L. Lingle.
Rev. H. D. C. MacLachlan.
Rev. James E. Mason.
Rev. Edwin Shaw.
Rev. William P. Swartz.
J. E. West.

Members of the Commission on Temperance.

Rev. T. H. Acheson.
Rev. Walter H. Brooks.
Rev. James Cannon, Jr.
Rev. E. C. Dinwiddie.
Rev. L. L. Echols.
Miss Kate Graham.
Mrs. Sarah Hoge.
Rev. J. H. Lacy.
Rev. A. DeW. Mason.

S. E. Nicholson.
 Rev. Charles Scanlon.
 Hon. A. E. Wilson.
 Rev. Hervey Wood.
 Rev. W. J. Wright.

Members of the Commission on Peace and Arbitration.

Rev. W. W. Moore.

Vice-President (Christian Church.)

Rev. W. W. Staley.

Secretaries and other Executives.

Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, General Secretary of the Council.
 Rev. H. K. Carroll, Associate Secretary.
 Rev. Sidney L. Gulick, Representative on International Relations.
 Rev. Charles O. Gill, Secretary of the Commission on the Church and Country Life.
 Rev. William E. Biederwolf, Secretary of the Commission on Evangelism.
 Rev. H. H. Meyer, Secretary of the Commission on Christian Education.
 Rev. Charles Scanlon, Secretary of the Commission on Temperance.
 Rev. H. H. Bell, Executive Secretary of the Committee of One Hundred.
 Rev. Henry A. Atkinson, Rev. Frank M. Crouch, Rev. Warren H. Wilson—Associate Secretaries of the Commission on the Church and Social Service.
 Rev. E. M. McConoughey, Assistant to the General Secretary.
 Miss Rena Rowell, Private Secretary.

The Business Committee reported the following recommendations, which were adopted:

(1) The Business Committee nominates the following persons as members of the Business Committee:

Rev. A. M. Fretz.	Charles Tebbetts.
President William H. Granville.	Bishop Alexander Walters.
Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer.	Bishop Luther B. Wilson.

(2) The Business Committee recommends the adoption of the resolutions presented by the Commission on Evangelism, recommending to all the churches, united prayer for a world-wide revival of true religion and of aggressive evangelism, and that this action be conveyed by the officers of the Federal Council and of the Commission on Evangelism.

The Business Committee recommends that the resolution of the Commission on Evangelism be adopted, heartily endorsing the proposed religious work of the Committee of One Hundred for religious activities at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, and that we especially commend this work to all the churches for their prayerful sympathy and financial support.

(3) The Business Committee recommends that we approve the celebration of the five hundredth anniversary of the martyrdom of John Hus, and that this action be conveyed to the constituent bodies of the Federal Council.

(4) The Business Committee recommends that the matter of a World Congress be referred to the Administrative Committee, who shall bring the subject to the attention of the several ecumenical church organizations and to the constituent bodies of the Federal Council, report to be made to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

(5) The Business Committee presents the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America is profoundly affected by the burden of suffering of our Christian brethren among the European nations, now unhappily at war, the Council desires most earnestly that our European brethren should know of our sympathy and prayers, and our earnest desire to be of help as the way may open,

"Therefore

"Be it Resolved, that the matter of our relations with the churches of Europe be referred to the Administrative Committee, with power, especially the question of communicating to them the Christian sympathy and love of the Christian churches of America."

(6) The Business Committee recommends, in reference to the resolution of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, petitioning the Federal Council to take action appointing a special service in Washington, that no action be taken since the matter is outside the province of the Federal Council.

(7) The Business Committee recommends that Rev. Henry K. Carroll be continued as Associate Secretary, provided the Home Missions Council concur in this action, and that his salary be \$3,500 and necessary expenses, such portion of his salary to come from the Home Missions Council as that body may contribute, and that all matters referring to the administration of the Washington office be referred to the Administrative Committee of the Federal Council and to the Executive Committee of the Home Missions Council.

(8) The Business Committee recommends that the Executive Committee authorize the appointment of President Shailer Mathews and Rev. Sidney L. Gulick, Representative of the Commission on Relations with Japan, as a special deputation to the Japanese people, or to the Eastern peoples in general, bearing a message from the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America as representing the Christian sentiment of America, and that a Committee, consisting of Bishop Luther B. Wilson, Rev. H. C. Herring, Rev. Howard B. Grose, Rev. Alfred Williams Anthony and Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, be appointed as a Committee to prepare the message.

(9) The Business Committee recommends that the Executive Committee urge upon the authorities of the Panama Exposition the adoption of such regulations as will insure the observance of high moral standards, both within and without the Exposition grounds, and that the Secretarial Council of the Commission on the Church and Social Service be appointed as a special committee to represent the Federal Council in securing such result, this Committee to submit proposals as to all important actions for the approval of the Administrative Committee.

(10) The Business Committee recommends that the Executive Committee express its gratification at the joint action of the General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S., the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., the United Presbyterian Church, and the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod, in adopting the united declaration of Christian Faith and Social Service prepared by their joint

committee, and that, in view of its clear statements in harmony with the past action of the Federal Council, this declaration be printed in the minutes of the Executive Committee for the information of our churches.

(11) The Business Committee recommends the adoption and approval of the following statement from the Commission on Peace and Arbitration:

"To the Executive Committee of the Federal Council:

"The following action was taken on December 1st by the Commission on Peace and Arbitration:

"(1) The Commission commends the general proposition of Rev. Sidney L. Gulick, Representative on International Relations, as set forth in his manuscript proposed for publication on the peace work of the churches.

"(2) The Commission recommends that the Protestant churches of America be organized for active participation in a constructive program for world peace.

"(3) The Commission urges that the general principles of the Peace Program demanded by those who believe in the Kingdom of God are the application of the Golden Rule to international relations, care in the preparation of just treaties, and the faithful observance of both the letter and the spirit of those treaties.

"(4) The Commission recommends to the Protestant churches of America the following general form of organization for participation in the peace movement:

(a) A Church Peace League in every community, and when practicable a Peace Committee in the local church.

(b) The Church Peace Leagues to be affiliated with the Commission on Peace and Arbitration of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

"(5) That the Church Peace Union be requested to recommend to suitable representatives of other religious bodies the organization of similar movements.

"(6) That the co-ordination and common activities of any and all organizations be effected in and through the Church Peace Union.

"(7) That these recommendations be conveyed to the Executive Committee of the Federal Council and to the Church Peace Union.

"(8) That the Church Peace Union be requested to take action approving this general policy and program and offer its co-operation to this Commission in carrying it out."

(12) The Business Committee recommends that a Committee of Three be approved by the Chairman to prepare resolutions of courtesy and thanks.

(13) The Business Committee recommends, in response to various requests relative to the next place of meeting, that the entire matter be referred to the Administrative Committee.

(14) The Business Committee recommends that the Administrative Committee be authorized, at its discretion, to employ a Field Secretary in the interest of state and local federations and interdenominational movements and organizations, when conditions shall warrant such action and when the special resources necessary for the maintenance of such a Secretary shall be provided.

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(15) The Business Committee recommends that the Commission on the Church and Social Service be requested to represent the Federal Council in extending assistance to the Association of Army and Navy Chaplains.

(16) The Business Committee recommends the adoption of the following estimated budget:

Estimated Receipts.

Denominational apportionments,	\$12,000	
Subscriptions for the central office,	12,000	
All other sources for the central office,	6,000	
Commission on Peace and Arbitration,	20,000	
Commission on the Church and Social Service, ...	5,000	
Commission on the Church and Country Life, ...	10,000	
Commission on Christian Education,	10,000	
Commission on Evangelism,	10,000	
Commission on Temperance,	5,000	
Commission on Interdenominational Movements, .	10,000	
Total,		\$100,000

Estimated Expenses.

Central Administration,	\$26,000	
Washington office,	4,000	
Commission on Peace and Arbitration,	20,000	
Commission on the Church and Social Service, ...	5,000	
Commission on the Church and Country Life, ...	10,000	
Commission on Christian Education,	10,000	
Commission on Evangelism,	10,000	
Commission on Temperance,	5,000	
Commission on Interdenominational Movements, .	10,000	
Total,		\$100,000

The Commissions to be responsible for their own budgets, in accordance with the previous action of the Executive Committee.

(17) The Business Committee recommends that, concerning the budget and financial operations of the several commissions, the Administrative Committee be given *ad interim* supervision and authority.

It was

VOTED that the action on Recommendation No. 6 of the Business Committee be reconsidered and amended by the insertion of the word "Thanksgiving" before the word "service."

The report of the delegates to the International Church Peace Conference in Europe presented by Dr. Macfarland, was received and approved.

The report of the American Church Committee on Peace Centenary, presented by Rev. Henry K. Carroll, was received and approved.

The report of the Home Missions Council, presented by the Chairman, Rev. Charles L. Thompson, was received and adopted.

It was

VOTED to adjourn until 8:00 P. M.

The closing prayer was offered by Rev. Martyn Summerbell.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 8:00 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chairman.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. Charles L. Thompson.

The Chairman appointed as the Committee on Courtesy and Thanks, Rev. H. C. Minton, D. B. Coltrane and Rev. C. J. Musser.

The Commission on the Church and Social Service presented a report of its annual meeting, held to-day, through the Recording Secretary pro tem., Rev. William E. Lampe.

It was

VOTED to receive and approve the report and to consider the recommendations seriatim.

(1) The recommendation concerning the social platform was adopted.

(2) The recommendation relative to an Associate Secretary was referred to the Business Committee.

(3) The recommendation relative to the report of Rev. Charles O. Gill on Social Effects of Co-operation in Europe was adopted, subject to the rules adopted relative to publication.

(4) The recommendation relative to the report of the Paterson Committee was referred to the Business Committee.

(5) The recommendation relative to government employees was referred to the Business Committee.

(6) The recommendation relative to the Committee on the Church and Country Life was referred to the Business Committee.

(7) The recommendation relative to a Committee to wait upon the President in the interest of Federal employees was approved and referred to the Administrative Committee, with power.

In response to the recommendation of the Commission the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Commission on the Church and Social Service be authorized and requested to make an inquiry into the question of the adequacy of wages paid to the employees of the Federal government, to report to the Executive Committee with recommendations."

The report of the Commission on Family Life presented by the Secretary of the Commission, Dr. Macfarland, was received and approved.

The Chairman presented the President of the Federal Council, Professor Shailer Mathews, who spoke upon his coming mission to Japan as the ambassador of the churches. His address was followed by a season of prayer, seeking the blessing of God upon this mission, the closing prayer being offered by Professor Mathews.

The meeting adjourned until Friday, December 11th, at 9:00 A. M.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 9:00 A. M.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chairman.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. Alfred Williams Anthony.

It was

VOTED that the remaining minutes of this annual meeting be referred to the Administrative Committee, with power.

The report of the Commission on State and Local Federations was presented by the Chairman, Rev. Alfred W. Anthony, received and approved.

The Committee appointed to prepare the Message to Japan reported through the Chairman, Bishop Luther B. Wilson, presenting the following message, which was adopted:

"To the Churches of Christ in Japan, Greeting:

"The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, on behalf of its thirty constituent denominations, has delegated two of our most honored and beloved representatives, to convey to you the assurance of our love unfeigned and of our prayers in your behalf.

"Professor Shailer Mathews, Doctor of Divinity, is the Dean of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, an author widely known among us, and for this quadrennium, President of the Federal Council.

"The Rev. Sidney L. Gulick, Doctor of Divinity, needs no introduction to you, for he has been a missionary in Japan for many years. Since his return to America upon his furlough, he has been invited to our most prominent pulpits, has secured a hearing for the cause of Japan by the foremost men of our nation, and returns to you not only as your brother, but entrusted with the duty of representing, with Dr. Mathews, this Federal Council. We are thus sending to you those who are well qualified to speak for us.

"We beg to assure you, dear brethren, of the interest with which we have noted the recent history of Japan, that ancient and venerable nation with its notable achievements in the arts and sciences. With eager hand you have grasped what other peoples could offer for the enrichment of your life, and in turn you have contributed to the life of the world the inspiration of your fine enthusiasm. You have felt the stimulation of ethical ideals, the transcendent significance of moral values. In the industrial, intellectual and moral fields of your activity, America has noted your unwearied progress.

"But our deepest interest and sympathy have been evoked by the numbers of those who have been reaching out eager hands to God. Beyond all else the spectacle of so many in Japan, seeking after a deeper and stronger spiritual life, has moved and still moves our hearts. It is with such sympathy toward you, beloved brethren, that we send our messengers to you.

"We believe that the religion of Jesus makes its largest possible contribution to the peace and uplift of the world, not when it undertakes by ecclesiastical utterances and activities to solve the complex intellectual and practical problems of civilization, but rather when it leads men to the inner life of spiritual self-mastery and self-devotion, helps them to learn the privilege and joy of absolute trust in Christ our Lord, and enables them to appreciate the obligation of such loyal devotion to Him as finds expression in holy and unselfish service of humanity.

"We are sending these, our brethren, to tell you as no written word of ours can tell, the sincerity of our affection, the eagerness of our desire, and the steady persuasion of our hope that we all, of the East and of the West, shall be one in Jesus Christ.

"We pray that in your land and in ours, faith shall have its satisfying vision of our Lord, that love shall be sanctified by His fellowship, and that our common life shall be broadened in its sympathies and beautified with His likeness.

"May the God of love unite our hearts in the bonds of holy sympathy, and bring us all into the joy of fellowship one with another through that diviner fellowship which is with the Father and with His Son our Saviour.

"May peace and prosperity abide in all the homes of Japan. May your schools be centers of intellectual light and your churches centers of moral life and spiritual power. May believers be multiplied and all your land be blest by Him who is the Light of the World, the Redeemer of men.

"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power both now and ever, Amen.

"Your brethren in Christ:

THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA,
(Signed) CHARLES S. MACFARLAND, *General Secretary.*"

It was

VOTED that this message be referred, for editorial revision, to President Mathews, Dr. Gulick and Dr. Macfarland, and that it be signed by the General Secretary.

The Business Committee reported the following recommendations, which were adopted:

(1) The Business Committee recommends that the Administrative Committee be authorized to appoint a Committee, not to exceed twenty, to give special consideration to the needs and interests of the colored race, and to put into operation helpful measures for larger co-

operation between the colored denominations and the other constituent bodies of the Federal Council, in such ways as may be appropriate and practical.

(2) The Business Committee recommends that the matter of publishing the reports of industrial investigations in Colorado and in Paterson be referred to the Administrative Committee.

(3) The Business Committee presents the following resolution for action:

"Resolved, That the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America recommends to its constituent bodies, the celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, on the thirty-first day of October, 1917, in commemoration of the nailing of the theses by Martin Luther, on the door of the Castle Church at Wittenberg."

(4) The Business Committee recommends that an *ad interim* Commission on the Church and Country Life be appointed, and that the Federal Council at its next meeting be requested to adopt it as one of the permanent commissions of the Council.

(5) The Business Committee recommends that the Executive Committee submit to the next Federal Council the request that the powers of the Executive Committee be determined, relative to the appointment of commissions.

(6) The Business Committee recommends that the documents relative to the Evangelical Alliance be referred to the Administrative Committee.

(7) The Business Committee recommends that Rev. Charles S. Macfarland be elected by the Executive Committee as the *General Secretary* of the Federal Council, to have a relation to all the work of the Council under the direction of the Administrative Committee, provided that particular business of commissions be excepted and that all action inconsistent with the above be rescinded.

The last recommendation was adopted by a rising vote, following which the Rev. Charles S. Macfarland was unanimously elected General Secretary.

In response to the request of the Chairman, Dr. Macfarland made an appropriate response.

The Business Committee offered the following recommendation, which was adopted.

"The Business Committee recommends that the remaining miscellaneous recommendations presented to the Business Committee, a digest of which was submitted by the General Secretary, be referred, with power, to the Administrative Committee."

Rev. Charles O. Gill, Field Investigator of the Committee on Church and Country Life, was presented by Dr. Macfarland, and made a statement of the plans and work of the proposed Commission on the Church and Country Life.

Dr. Macfarland announced that the President of the Federal Council had appointed Gifford Pinchot as Chairman of the

ad interim Commission on the Church and Country Life and had appointed the following as members of this Commission:

Gifford Pinchot.	Rev. William I. Haven.
Dean Alva Agee.	Clarence Sears Kates.
Rev. Henry A. Atkinson.	Rev. Ward Platt.
Rev. Samuel Z. Batten.	Albert E. Roberts.
Rev. Edmund deS. Brunner.	Mrs. Edith Ellicott Smith.
Pres. Keynon L. Butterfield.	Prof. Frank A. Starratt.
Prof. Thomas N. Carver.	Pres. George Black Stewart.
Rev. Frank M. Crouch.	Henry Wallace.
Prof. Edwin L. Earp.	Rev. Harry F. Ward.
Miss Jessie Field.	Rev. G. Frederick Wells.
Prof. C. J. Galpin.	Rev. Warren H. Wilson.

It was further stated that President Mathews had requested these members of the Commission to serve as a Committee on Organization and to make nominations for the full membership of the Commission, in accordance with the requirements of the constitution.

John M. Glenn addressed the Committee in behalf of the National Conference of Charities and Correction, announcing that its next annual meeting would be held at Baltimore, May 12, 1915.

It was

VOTED that the hour of adjournment be 11:30 A. M.

The report of the Commission on Christian Education, presented by the Secretary, Rev. Henry H. Meyer, was received and adopted.

It was

VOTED that the work of the Commission on Christian Education for the past year and its plans for the year to come be approved, and that the several recommendations of the report be adopted.

The report of the Commission on Temperance presented by the Chairman, Rev. Rufus W. Miller, was received and adopted.

It was

VOTED that the plan of work presented by the Commission on Temperance be approved and the several recommendations of the Commission be adopted.

The report of the Commission on Sunday Observance was presented by the Chairman, Rev. Peter Ainslie, and the recommendations accompanying it were presented by the Recording Secretary, Rev. H. L. Bowlby.

It was

VOTED to receive and approve the report and to adopt the recommendations.

Rev. William P. Swartz addressed the Committee in behalf of the International Lord's Day Congress, to be held in San Francisco, July 27th to August 1st, 1915.

The following resolution, presented by Bishop Luther B. Wilson, was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That, as representatives of the Christian Churches of America, we desire to express our profound sympathy with, and our prayer for, God's ancient people, who throughout the earth are enduring peculiar privations and suffering as the result of the present war.

"We recommend to our Churches such practical expressions of their sympathy as shall help in the relief of their suffering, and we pledge our advocacy to the cause of our Hebrew brethren as they seek for just and equal consideration by all governments."

A report of progress from the Joint Commission on Theological Seminaries was presented by the Chairman, Rev. George B. Stewart, and the report was referred to the Administrative Committee.

The report of the Committee on Courtesy and Thanks was presented by Rev. H. C. Minton as follows, and was adopted by a rising vote:

"As this meeting draws to its close and we are about to complete the work that has called us together, it is well that we should remind ourselves of the welcome we have received and of the many courtesies which have been extended to us.

"Owing to the nature of the organization of the Council, our meeting is not one which, to the general public, would seem to be very spectacular or eventful. It is only a committee that has met. Its quiet sessions are seasons of hard work. The various Commissions condense into brief reports the results of careful discussions, prolonged investigation and continuous activity.

"And yet, we have not been permitted to forget that we have been working in the midst of a city which is renowned far and near for its gracious hospitality. Every possible convenience and comfort has been placed at our disposal. An Entertainment Committee has been constantly at our call, attentive to every need. This building, centrally located and admirably suited to our purposes, has afforded splendid facilities for our work, and a hospitality has been tendered to us which has been delicate in its considerateness while it has been unmistakable in its cordial spirit.

"We should mention particularly the Young Men's Christian Association of Richmond and Mr. McKee, its affable Secretary; the local Committee and its Chairman, Dr. Christian; the gentlemen of the Richmond Press; Mr. Charles Millington; and also the representative of the Associated Press; and the private secretary of Dr. Macfarland, Miss Rena Rowell, to whom we learn that the Executive Committee is more indebted than it knows; to these persons especially the Committee should express its obligation for the success of this meeting.

"While our number is not great, we represent a constituency which is large enough to cover the face of our entire country. We rejoice in the strong and tender bonds that bind the Church of God into one. On the maps of the Kingdom of God there is no North or South, no East or West. It is one of the gratifying evidences of the blessing of God upon the very work which this Federation is doing, that it is bringing out into clearer consciousness the essential unity of the Christian Church of every branch and of every name. We are one in Christ; apart from him the branches die and unhappy divisions multiply.

"We trust that our having spent this brief season in Richmond will be a pleasant memory to our brethren in this charming and historic city of the South, and we shall certainly carry away with us a grateful appreciation of all that we have received from their hands and in affectionate remembrance shall cherish them in our hearts and prayers in the days that are to come.

"HENRY C. MINTON,

C. J. MUSSER,

D. B. COLTRANE,

Committee."

General Secretary S. K. McKee, of the Richmond Young Men's Christian Association, was introduced by Dr. Macfarland to receive from the Chairman an expression of gratitude on behalf of the Executive Committee for his courteous attention and for the use of the building, to which Mr. McKee made a gracious response.

The President of the Federal Council, Professor Shailer Mathews, addressed the Committee on the meaning, the significance and the progress of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

It was

VOTED that any items of unfinished business be referred to the Administrative Committee, with power.

After appropriate remarks by the presiding officer, Rev. Howard B. Grose, and closing prayer by Rev. Fred P. Haggard, the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America adjourned *sine die*.

(Signed.) RIVINGTON D. LORD,

Recording Secretary

SUPPLEMENTARY ACTION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Administrative Committee was held in the Administrative Room of the Federal Council on December 17, at which the following action was taken on matters referred to the Administrative Committee by the Executive Committee.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, Rev. William I. Haven, Vice-Chairman, Rev. Albert G. Lawson, Recording Secretary, Rev. Rivington D. Lord.

It was

VOTED that a Committee consisting of Rev. Hubert C. Herring, Rev. Alfred W. Anthony and Rev. Rivington D. Lord be appointed to take up with the Executive Committee of the Home Missions Council and with the Home Missions Council itself, the matter of relationship with that body.

(Signed.) RIVINGTON D. LORD,
Recording Secretary.

SUPPLEMENTARY ACTION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE CHURCH AND COUNTRY LIFE.

The members of the Commission, appointed by President Shailer Mathews of the Federal Council, met in the Administrative Room of the Federal Council, December 21, 1914 and constituted themselves as a preliminary Committee on Organization.

Gifford Pinchot was approved as Chairman.

Rev. Charles O. Gill was elected Secretary of the Commission.

It was

VOTED that a branch office of the Commission be located at Columbus, Ohio.

It was

VOTED that the work already begun by the original Committee on the Church and Country Life, including the survey of the state of Ohio, should be continued.

A Committee was appointed to nominate the full membership of the Commission, to co-operate with the General Secretary of the Federal Council and the Secretary of the Commission, in securing nominations by the various denominations, to be submitted to the President of the Federal Council for appointment.

(Signed.) CHARLES O. GILL,
Secretary.

Report of the Treasurer for 1914

Several Departments and Commissions, in addition to the work of the Federal Council itself, are under the administration of the National Office and the General Secretary. Various expenses of these departments, such as stenographers, manifolding, addressing letters, postage, stationery and printing, are stated in inclusive amounts. This grouping of many departments under one administration and one secretary lessens the administrative expenses of both the Federal Council and these departments, and brings about co-operation and co-ordination in the interest of both efficiency and economy, and therefore it is impossible to show exactly the cost of each.

Early in the year it was decided to equip a department with apparatus for manifolding and addressing letters, as the mailing list runs up to more than seventy-five thousand. This has resulted in a large saving of expenses as well as giving facility for speedy work which is often needed in a sudden emergency.

At certain periods it has been possible to do a large amount of this process work for other societies, keeping our office force at work, and making a profit which, with the saving on our own work, will very soon pay for this installed machinery.

National Office.

Received:

Denominational Apportionments, paid on the basis of one dollar for each 1,000 members,	\$11,627 10
Appropriations from Churches,	1,187 80
Subscriptions and appropriations for all departments and commissions which are administered at the National Office,	41,826 03
Sale of Literature,	1,981 10
Received for Secretarial services,	740 30
Subscriptions for Library,	200 00
Services of the Department of Manifolding and Addressing,	4,564 80
Total National Office Receipts,	<u>\$62,127 13</u>

Paid:

Administration: General Secretary and Assistant to the Secretary,	\$6,200 00
Office Secretaries, Stenographers and Assistants, ..	4,691 26
Office Expenses, including expenses of the Department of Manifolding and Addressing,	4,297 80
Stationery,	1,854 44
Postage,	5,080 92
Rent of Offices,	2,438 79
Telephone, Telegraph and Cable,	622 18
Furniture,	733 96
Library,	301 70

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Printing and Publication:

"Christian Unity at Work" and Proceedings of the 1912 Council,	\$201 00
Annual Reports for 1913,	639 79
"Year Book of the Church and Social Service,"	842 76
"Spiritual Culture and Social Service,"	150 00
Other Books,	188 69
Pamphlet literature,	2,580 01

	4,602 25
Travel,	2,093 25
Incidentals,	400 82
Interest,	427 24
Expenses of meeting of Executive Committee, ...	885 09
Honorary Secretary,	1,200 00
Salary of Representative on International Relations and Commission on Relations with Japan,	3,000 00
Special expenses of Commission on Relations with Japan,	4,099 37
Special expenses of Commission on Peace and Arbitration,	5,515 17
Special expenses of Commission on Religious Education,	493 35
Special expenses of Commission on Foreign Missions,	32 80
Special expenses of Commission on Evangelism,	49 50

Washington Office:

Associate Secretary,	\$3,500 00
Less amount paid by Home Missions Council,	1,500 00
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	\$2,000 00
Rent, travel and other expenses,	1,836 26

	3,836 26
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	\$52,856 15
Investment in Office Apparatus,	3,000 00
Deficit on January 1, 1914,	6,258 98
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Total National Office Payments,	\$62,115 13
Balance of Receipts over Payments,	12 00
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	\$62,127 13
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Receipts of All Departments.

National Office and Departments,	\$62,127 13
Office of Commission on Church and Country Life, Columbus, Ohio,	4,020 22
Office of Commission on Evangelism, Philadelphia Pa.,	737 67
Office of Commission on Temperance, Pittsburgh, Pa.,	505 00
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	\$67,390 02

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Total Receipts,		\$67,390 92
<i>Expenditures of All Departments.</i>		
National Office and Departments,	\$52,856 15	
Office of Commission on Church and Country Life, Columbus, Ohio:		
Salary of Field Investigator,	\$1,800 00	
Travel,	718 88	
Office and other expenses,	1,501 34	
		4,020 22
Office of Commission on Evangelism, Philadelphia, Pa.:		
Expenses of Secretary,	\$626 00	
Other expenses,	111 67	
		737 67
Office of Commission on Temperance, Pittsburgh, Pa.:		
Literature,	\$200 00	
Travel and other expenses,	305 00	
		505 00
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Available Balance,		\$58,119 04
Payment of Deficit,	\$6,258 98	\$9,270 98
Applied to investment in Office Apparatus,	3,000 00	
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Balance as above,		\$12 00

It will be noted that the total current expenses at the National Office, other than paying the deficit and investment in apparatus, amount to \$52,856.15.

It is estimated that this may be divided among the various branches of the work as follows:

Federal Council,	\$21,856 15
Commission on Church and Social Service, ...	6,000 00
Washington Office,	4,000 00
Commission on Relations with Japan,	11,000 00
Commission on Peace and Arbitration,	9,000 00
Commission on Religious Education,	1,000 00

\$52,856 15

It is also a fact that the central administration of the Federal Council and that of the Washington Office are fully supported by the denominational apportionments, subscriptions of the churches and special subscriptions for that purpose. All of the other departments and commissions are maintained by funds secured for the respective work of those departments, in accordance with action of the Executive Committee requiring that the various commissions shall take care of their own budgets.

Thus we have during the year entirely disposed of our deficit.

We also have a permanent fund of \$1,000 and an investment in profitable office apparatus of \$3,000.

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There is, however, an unexpended balance to the credit of the Commission on Peace and Arbitration for the work of the American Committee on Peace Centenary of \$3,000.

The following are the denominational apportionments for 1914 based as usual on the report of Secretary H. K. Carroll. The rate is at one dollar for each 1,000 of membership, together with the amounts received from each.

		<i>Mem'ship.</i>	<i>Appor'm't.</i>	<i>Amount Received 1914.</i>
Baptist Churches, North,	1,176,615	\$1,177	00	\$1,176 00
National Baptist Convention (colored),	1,946,444	1,947	00
Free Baptist Churches,	65,440	66	00	66 00
Christian Church,	102,902	103	00	103 00
Congregational Churches,	748,340	749	00	792 00
Disciples of Christ,	1,362,711	1,363	00	100 00
Friends,	100,568	101	00	101 00
German Evangelical Synod of North America,	261,488	262	00
Evangelical Association,	111,702	112	00	112 00
Lutheran Church, General Synod,	329,699	330	00	330 00
Mennonite Church, General Confer- ence,	12,797	13	00	13 00
Methodist Episcopal Church,	3,415,768	3,416	00	3,000 00
Methodist Episcopal Church, South, ..	1,996,877	1,997	00	1,997 00
African Methodist Episcopal Church, .	620,000	620	00	620 00
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church,	568,608	569	00	100 00
Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America,	236,077	237	00
Methodist Protestant Church (For 1913 and 1914),	180,382	181	00	365 00
Moravian Church,	19,463	20	00	20 00
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.,	1,402,533	1,403	00	1,398 75
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (South),	300,771	301	00	301 00
Protestant Episcopal Church, Commis- sions on Christian Unity and Social Service,	986,607	987	00*
Reformed Church in America,	121,640	122	00	122 00
Reformed Church in U. S.,	306,337	307	00	307 00
Reformed Episcopal Church,	10,800	11	00	25 00
Reformed Presbyterian Church, Gen- eral Synod,	3,400	4	00	14 00
Seventh Day Baptist Church,	7,927	8	00	21 35
United Brethren Church,	308,587	309	00	309 00
United Evangelical Church,	75,343	76	00	76 00
United Presbyterian Church,	142,081	143	00	143 00
Welsh Presbyterian Church,	14,326	15	00	15 00
	16,936,233	\$16,949	00	\$11,627 10

The accounts have been audited by a certified public ac-
countant. ALFRED R. KIMBALL, *Treasurer.*

*This amount has been met by special individual subscriptions.

Reports of Commissions

THE COMMISSION ON EVANGELISM.

Report to the Executive Committee of the Federal Council,
Richmond, Virginia, December 9, 1914.

To the Executive Committee of the Federal Council:

DEAR BRETHREN:

Herewith the Commission on Evangelism respectfully submits its second annual report.

The Commission met at Richmond, December 8th, 1914, the Chairman, Rev. William H. Roberts, presiding, the Secretary being the Rev. William E. Biederwolf, and the Recording Secretary, the Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer.

The Churches were represented to the number of twenty-four by thirty-five members.

The program was carried out, as arranged, for morning, afternoon and evening sessions.

At the morning and afternoon sessions the report of Evangelistic Work within the several denominations was taken up.

Rev. A. Pohlman spoke for the Lutheran, German Evangelical, the Evangelical Association and the United Evangelical Churches.

Rev. J. O. Randall, Evangelistic Secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, spoke for the Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal South, Methodist Protestant, United Brethren, African Methodist Episcopal, the African Methodist Episcopal Zion, and the Colored Methodist Episcopal Churches in America.

Rev. Richard Orme Flinn, spoke for the Presbyterian U. S. A., Presbyterian U. S., United Presbyterian, the Reformed Presbyterian, Reformed in the U. S., Reformed in America, Reformed Episcopal, and Welsh Presbyterian Churches.

Rev. John Marvin Dean reported for the following denominations; Baptist North, Free Baptist, Seventh Day Baptist, National Baptist Convention, Congregational.

Rev. Peter Ainslie reported for the Disciples of Christ, the Christian, the Moravian, the Mennonite, and the Friends Churches.

The evening session was popular in its character, and addresses were delivered by Rev. F. E. Taylor, of Indianapolis, Ind., on George Whitefield, and by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, of Kansas City, Mo., on the general religious situation.

The Report of the Chairman was submitted and approved. The Report is as follows:

"Dear Brethren:

"(1) The Executive Committee, duly appointed by you, has met several times and the resumé of the principal business transacted will be submitted by the Recording Secretary, the Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer.

"(2) The Secretary of the Commission, the Rev. William E. Biedewolf, will present a separate report, showing the work which has been done by him. I draw attention to the fact that Dr. Biedewolf has done much work, and solely out of a generous interest in the cause, for at present he serves without salary. His disinterested labors deserve our cordial thanks.

"(3) The Treasurer of the Commission, the Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer, will submit a report, but the Chairman desires to emphasize the need there is of funds, if the work of the Commission is to be carried forward in an adequate manner. There is no reason why the needed funds should not be secured, and co-operative evangelistic work make great progress for the benefit of men and the glory of Christ.

"(4) I venture to state that wide-spread correspondence shows the general condition throughout the country to be one highly favorable to successful evangelistic work. The field is certainly great. It is necessary only to emphasize the fact that sixty per cent. of the adult males of the country are not connected with any Christian church, either Protestant or Catholic. This great barrier in the way of moral progress and spiritual uplift, is one which can be removed only through united prayer and concerted work.

"(5) The European situation has a reflex influence upon the situation in our own country. Naturally attention is drawn to the very important and timely subjects of arbitration and peace. It is proper, however, to emphasize that the great need, both in Europe and America, is a decided change in the moral view-point of men with reference to war. The majority of men, throughout the world, are not Christians in any sense, and the majority of professing Christians are very imperfect. The best proof of the latter statement is to be found in the fact that nations which claim to be Christian are to-day settling their national differences by methods which have already resulted in the killing and wounding of fully two and a half millions of men. It is not merely individuals who need to be Christian, but likewise the nations which they compose, and history is the evidence that the greatest of influence for the Christianization of individuals and nations, is that exerted through revivals of religion. This view needs no argument to support it. The facts stand out clearly.

"It is to be hoped that the Commission will take action, recommending united prayer in all of the churches for a world-wide revival of true religion—the religion which believes not only in the reconciliation between God and man, through Christ Jesus the divine and all-sufficient Saviour, but also in a reconciliation between man and man which shall make the angels' song over Bethlehem, at our Lord's advent, a world-wide reality.

"WM. H. ROBERTS, Chairman."

The following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Commission on Evangelism hereby places upon record its high appreciation of the generous and efficient services of its General Secretary, Rev. William E. Beiderwolf, and expresses the hope that all the Churches in the Federal Council will give him hearty and united support in his labors for the salvation of souls and the extension of the Kingdom of Christ in the earth.

A resolution with reference to a call for general prayer in the Churches for a world-wide revival of religion, was adopted and was then referred to the Executive Committee of the Council with the recommendation that when the call was issued, it should be signed both by the officers of the Federal Council and the officers of the Commission.

The Recording Secretary, Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer, presented the itemized statement as to meetings of the Executive Committee of the Commission as follows:

September 17th, 1913, Atlantic City, N. J. Rev. W. E. Beiderwolf was elected as the general Secretary of the Commission, with the understanding that he devote, during the first year, one-half of his time, without salary, to this work.

November 12th, 1913, Philadelphia, Pa. In response to a communication received from the Secretary of the Federal Council, relative to the religious work in connection with the Panama Exposition in San Francisco, 1915, the Committee took action as follows:

"That this Commission is prepared to act for the Federal Council in the matter of the religious work at the Panama Exposition in San Francisco, 1915, provided plans as outlined by Dr. Macfarland are satisfactorily completed."

May 7th, 1914, Philadelphia, Pa. Dr. Biederwolf submitted a list of denominations having a Commission on Evangelism, and another list of denominations whose Evangelistic work was merged with the Boards of Home Missions. Dr. Biederwolf was requested to secure information from the Churches, whether in the Council or not, concerning evangelistic work.

A leaflet was ordered to be prepared giving a succinct statement of the work of the Commission.

June 10th, 1914. Philadelphia Pa. It was decided that a meeting of the Commission on Evangelism be held the day preceding the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council in the month of December, 1914.

The Secretary was authorized to take immediate steps to arrange for the celebration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the birth of George Whitefield.

Permanent Committees were appointed on Field and Methods of Work, and on Finance, in addition to the Committee on Literature.

November 25th, 1914, Philadelphia, Pa. Arrangements were completed for the meeting of the Commission at Richmond, Virginia. The provisional program for the meeting was offered and adopted. Secretary Biederwolf's Report was read, and authorized to be submitted to the Commission at Richmond.

The Secretary's report was submitted and approved. The Report reads:

"Brethren and Members of this Commission:

"Your Secretary believes we have every reason to thank God for the first year's work in connection with this undertaking on behalf of the evangelistic enterprise of the Commission on Evangelism of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

"Your Secretary has given four months of his time almost entirely to this work and a very large portion of time for the other eight months of the year. It has involved an enormous amount of detail work and correspondence especially, but your Secretary has been delighted most of all with the splendid reception given by the various denominations to every suggestion that has come to them through him and through the Executive Committee of this Commission.

"Your Secretary has personally visited six of the National gatherings of the various denominations which met in regular session during the past year and has arrangements made for similar visits to other denominations or gatherings during this coming year. At each of these meetings the work of the Commission was presented and co-operation secured for the furthering of its plans.

"The denominations visited were as follows:

"The General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America in meeting at New Castle, Pa.

"The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America in session in Asbury Park, New Jersey.

"The General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States in session at Lancaster, Pa.

"The General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in session at Cincinnati, Ohio.

"The General Conference of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in session at Alfred, New York.

"The General Conference of the United Evangelical Church in session at Barrington, Ill.

"The Pre-Assembly Conference on Evangelistic work of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., session at Chicago, Ill.

"In addition to this the work of the Commission was represented by persons appointed for this purpose at certain of the other ecclesiastical gatherings, namely:

"The Northern Baptist Convention in session at Boston, Mass.

"The General Convention of the Christian Church in session at Springfield, Ohio, and at one or two others from which returns have not yet been received. As the result of these visits National Evangelistic Committees have, during this past year, been appointed by five denominations, namely:

"The Reformed Presbyterian Church.

"The Reformed Church in the United States.

"The Reformed Church in America.

"The United Evangelical Church.

"The Christian Church.

"This makes now a total of twenty denominations in the Federal Council which have a general National Evangelistic Committee and we have in our possession most encouraging correspondence concerning the appointment of such Committees in all the remaining denominations.

"The Literature Committee will have its own report to present, but it will be in place here to say that certain work along this line suggested by the Executive Committee has been executed by your Sec-

retary and the following booklets have been printed and freely distributed:

"1. The Commission on Evangelism. A preliminary statement concerning the general aim of the Commission.

"2. Advance Steps in Evangelism. This is practically the address delivered by the Secretary at the various ecclesiastical gatherings.

"3. Evangelistic Work Among the Denominations, being a brief resumé of the work and methods used by the various denominations of the Federal Council. We believe such a review will prove mutually helpful to the various Committees in whose hands this work has been committed by their respective denominations.

"4. The Life and Times of George Whitefield. A chapter reprinted by permission of the publisher and the son of the author from one of Rev. Arthur T. Pierson's volumes and distributed without charge to all parties inquiring for information concerning the Whitefield Commemoration. This booklet contains also the proper advertising matter in regard to other publications on the same subject.

"5. George Whitefield, Prince of Preachers, Maker of Characters. A small book written at the request of the Commission on Evangelism by Rev. John Timothy Stone. This last book was financed by the publishing company without cost to the Commission.

"It will be proper at this place to refer to the collection of Evangelistic books as suggested by the Committee on Literature. Following the spirit of this suggestion your Secretary wrote to the Globe-Wernicke Company and asked them to donate to the Commission a book case sufficient for our needs in this respect and we have accordingly as a gift from this company a handsome golden oak book case of latest design. A letter was also sent to every religious publisher in the United States asking for a contribution of all books published by them on Evangelism, Evangelistic Sermons and Biographies of prominent Evangelists. The response has been most favorable, resulting in quite a splendid library to the Commission's credit at the present time, with plans under way which will most certainly bring to the Commission in due time every such book extant.

"In regard to the proposed series of lectures on Evangelism in the various Theological Seminaries of the country, your Secretary desires to report that practically every Theological Seminary to which the subject was broached responded most favorably and enthusiastically and quite a number have written asking when such a proposal could be carried out in connection with their institution. A dozen carefully selected Evangelists and as many Evangelistic pastors were asked to prepare and present a syllabus for ten lectures to theological students on the subject of Evangelism. Quite a number responded to this request and from these syllabi a standardized syllabus has been prepared to be submitted to those who are to deliver the lectures, as a general guide for the line of thought, to be followed. We suggest that a Committee of Three be appointed by the Executive Committee of this Commission to pass final judgment upon this syllabus in order that it may go out with the approval of this body.

"What appeals to your Secretary as a matter of great importance is the action taken by a number of denominations investing their National Evangelistic Committee with the function of furnishing proper credentials to those of their own denomination who are fitted

and desirous of doing the work of an Evangelist. This is a delicate point in the work of the Committee and one to which perhaps at this time little if any publicity ought to be given. The Commission on Evangelism is not an Evangelistic Bureau and yet for its own protection, for the protection of the work of Evangelism itself and the interests of the Kingdom, it seems to your Secretary that this Commission ought not to encourage any Evangelist or appoint him to work unless he is sufficiently endorsed by his own denomination.

"Wherever this matter has been broached in any of the denominational gatherings it has been heartily approved and many leaders of various denominations who hitherto have not been enthusiastic about present day evangelistic work have declared themselves ready to co-operate on a basis such as that just mentioned. Accordingly six denominations have passed the following resolution or one similar to it;

"Noting with approval the endeavor in Evangelism of the Commission on Evangelism, of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America to create and safeguard a high standard of Evangelistic work, we recommend that the Evangelistic committee of the United Presbyterian Church be constituted also a Committee on Credentials vested with the function of giving careful and studied attention to the character and fitness of the men of this denomination who desire to do the work of an Evangelist, and to furnish the said Commission on Evangelism of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, reliable information concerning the same. The various Synods of the Church are earnestly urged to vest a similar function in their Synodical Evangelistic Committees and to co-operate with the National Committee of this denomination and the Commission on Evangelism of the Federal Council in wisely furthering the subject-matter of this resolution.'

"In accordance with the instructions given by the Executive Committee of this Commission to a special Committee appointed for this purpose a form of investigation has been prepared and will be furnished in due time to the proper Committees when information is desired concerning any Evangelistic worker of their respective denomination.

"In connection with this it would be in place here to report the Conference of selected Evangelists called at Winona Lake to discuss sympathetically the work of this Commission. This Conference of some twenty Evangelists met during the Bible Conference at Winona Lake last August and sent greetings for the Commission now in session in this city. The time was principally spent in the discussion of a Standard of Principles, the establishment of which the Conference felt the Evangelistic situation demands and to which all Evangelists operating by sanction or appointment of the Commission on Evangelism should be expected to have respect. It would appear in view of the progress already made in this direction that a special Committee should be appointed by this Commission to give careful study to this important phase of the work.

"It is important not only that all constituent denominations of the Federal Council have a Committee on Evangelism, but that this Committee be vested with the function of thoroughly investigating the fitness and ability of the men of its own denomination for the actual doing of evangelistic work. And your General Secretary most earnestly recommends and seeks the co-operation of the members of this Commission in the denominations where such a committee does not

exist, in creating intelligent sentiment on the subject and securing the appointment of such a committee at the earliest possible hour. We shall then be the better prepared to undertake the actual evangelistic work waiting for us in the most careful way and one most calculated to meet with the approval and appreciation of the best and sanest judgment of the church in general.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. BIEDERWOLF, *General Secretary.*"

The Treasurer reported receipts of \$950.00, and a net balance after bills shall have been paid of \$103.97. The report was duly audited and approved.

The general situation as to the work of the Commission indicates that the evangelistic spirit is increasingly prevalent in the constituent Churches of the Council. Each Church conducts its work in its own way, but in them all there is clearly manifested the spirit of Him who came to seek and to save that which is lost.

In behalf of the Commission,

WILLIAM H. ROBERTS, *Chairman.*"

THE COMMISSION ON THE CHURCH AND SOCIAL SERVICE.

Records of the Annual Meeting at Richmond, Virginia,
December 10, 1914, as reported to the Executive
Committee of the Federal Council.

The annual meeting of the Commission on the Church and Social Service was called to order at 9:30 A. M. by Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, Secretary of the Federal Council.

Rev. Charles L. Thompson was elected Chairman, pro tem; Rev. William E. Lampe, Recording Secretary, pro tem; and Rev. Henry A. Atkinson, Acting Executive Secretary.

The following members of the Commission were present: Rev. Boothe C. Davis, John M. Glenn, Rev. James R. Hower-ton, A. J. McKelway, Rev. William E. Lampe, Rev. C. J. Musser, Rev. O. W. Powers, Prof. F. A. Starratt, Rev. Charles L. Thompson, and Bishop Alexander Walters.

The following secretaries were present: Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, Rev. Henry A. Atkinson, Rev. Frank M. Crouch, Rev. Henry K. Carroll, Rev. Warren H. Wilson, and Rev. Charles O. Gill, Field Investigator.

Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer, representing the Commission on Social Service of the Reformed Church in the U. S., was present, and the following visitors: W. W. Royal, S. H. Templeman, J. T. Stocking, C. A. Vincent, John W. Shackford, W. C. James, J. T. Greene, W. A. Cooper, W. H. Denison, and Hastings H. Hart.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. C. J. Musser and Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer.

The minutes of the annual meeting at Baltimore, December 4, 1913, were read and approved.

The Annual Report of the Secretary, Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, was received and approved.

The resolutions regarding the amendment of the present social platform contained in the minutes of the last annual meeting of the Commission as adopted by the Executive Committee of the Federal Council were considered, and

It was

VOTED that the Secretarial Council be instructed to prepare and report at the next annual meeting of the Commission, recommendations for the revision and expansion of this platform.

It was

VOTED that the Commission renew its request for an As-

sociate Secretary who shall give all of his time to the work of the Commission on the Church and Social Service.

A report was presented by Secretary Atkinson relative to the progress made through the American Association for Labor Legislation in preparing a digest of Federal social legislation and the co-ordination of the different measures of social legislation that are proposed for enactment.

The report was received and adopted.

A report was presented by Rev. Charles O. Gill, Field Investigator, embodying the results of his investigations in Europe and entitled Social Effects of Co-operation in Europe.

It was

VOTED to receive the report and to recommend its publication to the Executive Committee of the Federal Council.

The Chairman pro tem being obliged to withdraw, Rev. Warren H. Wilson took the chair.

Secretary Atkinson reported for the Secretarial Council the important actions taken at its last meeting, held at Atlantic City, October 29th-31st, as follows, the report being approved:

(1) That the Secretarial Council had taken steps looking toward closer relations and co-operation with the Southern Sociological Congress.

(2) That the usual arrangements for fraternal delegates to the American Federation of Labor had been carried out, and that Secretary Batten and Dr. Macfarland had been the fraternal delegates at the last annual meeting.

(3) That social service campaigns are planned for 1915 at Worcester, Mass., Omaha, Neb., and Burlington, Vt., and that Mr. Gill is arranging for several such campaigns in the state of Ohio.

(4) That the Secretarial Council had designated Secretaries Carroll and Batten, Bishop F. J. McConnell, President H. Frank Rall, with the assistance of Professor L. D. Osborn as a Committee to visit Colorado for further investigation in connection with the hearings by the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations.

(5) That the Committee of Investigation at Paterson had made a preliminary report, and that Secretary Crouch had been instructed to continue the investigation, requesting the Executive Committee of the Federal Council to provide the necessary assistance for this work.

(6) That Secretary Ward is working among college students in the interests of social work, and that the Commission should approve this work and emphasize the importance of co-operation, especially with the North American Student Council.

(7) That Rev. Charles O. Gill is actively prosecuting the work of the Committee on the Church and Country Life, and that the Commission should express its judgment that the work of this particular Committee properly belongs to the Home Missions Department of the denominations and should have the co-operation of the Synods, Conferences, and other ecclesiastical organizations of the denominations.

(8) That the next meeting of the Secretarial Council will be held at Boston in February.

Dr. Carroll reported the progress of the Committee in Colorado, and

It was

VOTED to refer to the Executive Committee of the Federal Council the preparation and publication of a fuller report, to be prepared by Dr. Batten.

The Committee on the Church and Country Life, through Rev. Charles O. Gill, requested that arrangements be made whereby that Committee should become a separate and full Commission of the Federal Council.

It was

VOTED that the Executive Committee of the Federal Council be requested to create a Commission on the Church and Country Life.

It was

VOTED that in case such action be taken, the Secretary of the Commission on the Church and Country Life be made a member of the Secretarial Council of the Commission on the Church and Social Service, and that the members of the Secretarial Council of the Commission on the Church and Social Service be made members of the Commission on the Church and Country Life.

A communication from Seba Eldridge relative to a Committee on the Revision of the Federal Constitution was received and ordered placed on file.

A communication from Miss Emilie C. Curtis regarding a universal public appeal for social service was received and placed on file.

A communication relative to the strike at Gloversville, N. Y., was referred to Dr. Macfarland, Secretary of the Commission, with power to act.

A communication was received from Rev. G. L. Tufts, Secretary of the Weekly Rest Day League of the Pacific Coast, and

It was

VOTED that Dr. Tufts be authorized to prosecute the work proposed in the interest of One-Day-in-Seven legislation.

Communications were received from Rev. H. L. Bowlby, General Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, and from Al. Tharp and Ernest A. Eggers, representing the New York Letter Carriers' Association, and

It was

VOTED that the Commission recommend to the Executive Committee of the Federal Council a reaffirmation of the action

of the Federal Council taken at Chicago in December, 1912, concerning the old age of the workers, and that relative to a retirement measure for aged and infirm Federal employees the President of the United States and the proper committees of the House and Senate be requested to give definite attention to this matter, with a view to action such as shall carry out the spirit and intent of the utterance of the Federal Council relative to the old age of the workers.

It was

VOTED that Messrs. Wilson, Lampe and Crouch prepare a report from this meeting to be presented to the Executive Committee of the Federal Council.

After prayer by Dr. Musser the Commission adjourned at 12:40 P. M.

Adjourned Session.

An adjourned session of the annual meeting of the Commission on the Church and Social Service was held at 10:00 P. M., December 10, 1914, Rev. Charles L. Thompson, presiding.

Rev. Henry K. Carroll, Associate Secretary of the Federal Council, presented a statement regarding the promotion of the moral and religious welfare of our soldiers and sailors through the Association of Army and Navy Chaplains recently organized.

It was

VOTED that the Secretarial Council be authorized to co-operate with this Association.

The matter of investigation of the wages paid to Federal employees by the government, referred to the Commission by the Executive Committee of the Federal Council, was referred to the Secretarial Council, which was instructed to make an investigation during the year, to report to the next annual meeting of the Commission.

The session adjourned at 10:15 P. M.

(Signed.) CHARLES L. THOMPSON, *Acting Chairman.*

(Signed.) WILLIAM E. LAMPE, *Recording Secretary,*
pro tem.

SOCIAL EFFECTS OF CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE.

Report of Rev. Charles O. Gill, Field Investigator, to the Commission on the Church and Social Service.

Introductory Note.—At a meeting of the Commission on the Church and Social Service on April 10, 1913, it was determined that the Field Investigator of the Committee on Church and Country Life should be sent abroad to study agricultural co-operation among the rural populations in Europe, that he should observe the relation of the churches to it, and that he should report to the Commission the results of his study. It was decided also that Mr. Gill should represent this Commission on the American Commission for the Study of Co-operation in Europe. The latter was a semi-official body some of whose members were appointed by the President of the United States, while others were appointed by the Governors of the various states. Mr. Gill as a member of the American Commission, represented not only the Commission of the Federal Council but also the State of Vermont, having received an appointment from Governor Fletcher.

The following is an abstract of Mr. Gill's report to the Commission:

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SOCIAL EFFECTS OF CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE.

I. INTRODUCTION.

Object of Investigation.

The investigation reported in the volume entitled "The Country Church" pointed to the fact that there is no solution of the problem therein disclosed apart from the reorganization of rural business. Other surveys of rural conditions have led to the same conclusion. For this reason it was determined that a study should be made of the experience of such European countries as had given serious attention to the organization of farmers for business purposes. The object of the study was to learn what part the rural churches should take in a movement necessary for the preservation of a high standard of life in the country and for insuring the possibility of a successful rural church. At the same time it was thought that if there is in operation a system of business based on brotherhood and Christian ethics it is worth while for the churches in the United States to become more familiar with it.

Field and Duration of the Investigation.

In this investigation your representative was fortunate enough to be a member of the American Commission for the Study of Agricultural Co-operation in Europe. He not only shared the advantages for study with this Commission, but also remained in Europe, continuing his research for more than two months after its return, making the entire period of study nearly six months in duration. Credentials from the Commission, from the United States Chamber of Commerce, and from the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America gained from authorities all the assistance that could be desired, so that the best possible opportunities for successful inquiry were made available. No less than twelve countries were visited, while information concerning two others was gained from members of the Commission who visited them.

II. FINDINGS.

Age, Geographic Extent and Growth of Co-Operation.

It was found that in most of the area covered the co-operative movement has passed beyond its experimental stage. Rural co-operation is more than half a century old, while in Great Britain there has been co-operation among urban consumers for nearly seventy years. In method and principle

successful co-operation is not a hidden secret, nor is its possibility any longer a matter of mere speculation. Not only has there been time to profit from an experience extending over a long period, but this experience has been gained under a great variety of conditions, and has been shared by a large number of peoples and races. The principles learned have been successfully tried, not only in nearly every country in Europe, but also in parts of the United States and in Asia. Your investigator attended an international conference of co-operators at which there were representatives from Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Italy, Hungary, Austria, France, Holland, Belgium, Denmark, Roumania, from the British Isles, Japan, and from the United States. In these countries there are now more than twenty million members of co-operative societies, while in nearly all of them the movement is in a condition of wholesome and vigorous growth.

The wonderful transformation in Denmark wrought by co-operation is known throughout the world. As a result of it, more than twenty years ago her agricultural products had begun to command the highest prices in European markets, while since that time co-operative organization has been steadily gaining ground. Co-operation has been one of the most essential factors by which her people have rescued themselves from a condition of extreme economic distress and have attained prosperity, a prosperity which, considering Denmark's limited natural resources, is most remarkable. It is due chiefly to the early beginning and the thoroughness in the furtherance of agricultural co-operation that Denmark has more wealth per capita than any other country in Europe.

In Italy the business of the Federation of Co-operative Agricultural Associations has grown since 1895 not less than 43 per cent. in any one five-year period, while the number of its agricultural societies from 1892 to 1910 grew no less than ten-fold. This growth was steady and uninterrupted. Such data as are available indicate that the business of its co-operative credit institutions more than doubled in the four-year period from 1908 to 1912.

In Hungary the movement is no less successful. The business of its co-operative stores has been multiplying rapidly. Since 1899 there has never been a year without a large number of additional societies being formed and affiliated with the central Co-operative Credit institutions. One year there was an increase of 323 societies, while the smallest annual increase was fifty-five, making a total increase from about 700 to more than 2,400. In 1912 there were 8,000 parishes into which the activities of co-operative societies extended.

There were only a small number of co-operative associations in Belgium before 1890 and movements in favor of them had not assumed importance until five years later. The added membership of its various societies amounted to more than four hundred thousand in 1907, while the rapidity of its growth is illustrated by the increase in the number of its dairy societies from 63 in 1895 to 497 in 1907 and of its *Raiffeisen* Credit Associations from 33 in 1895 to 584 in 1908. Nearly every village now has a co-operative society of some kind. In considering these figures it must be remembered that the area of Belgium is less than one-fourth that of the state of New York. Its societies are now flourishing and are on the increase.

Holland also has enjoyed a most remarkable development. Although twenty-five years ago co-operation was almost unknown to the farmers of that country, in the ten year period from 1899 to 1909 the number of co-operative banks affiliated with the three central banks increased on the average of 29 per cent each year, while their members in the years 1901-1908 increased from 25 hundred to nearly 41,000, making an average annual increase of 56 per cent. The co-operative purchasing societies had in 1907 a membership of more than 74,000. Already more than 70 per cent of the creameries and cheese factories are co-operative, while the number in proportion to non-co-operative institutions is steadily increasing. In this little country there are no less than 100 co-operative auction marts doing an effective business, greatly facilitating the sale of farm products at fair prices. Here as in other countries, including Austria, Russia, France and Switzerland, it has been demonstrated that co-operation is a necessary condition of the general agricultural prosperity.

But on a large scale Germany affords the best example of agricultural co-operation. In the twenty year period 1890-1910, the number of Germany's agricultural co-operative societies grew from 3,000 to 25,000. From 1892 to 1908 the membership of its co-operative societies for collective purchase increased from 32,000 to 220,000, the membership of its co-operative dairy societies grew from 12,000 to 213,000, while the membership of its rural co-operative banks grew from 51,500 to more than 1,250,000. The total business done by these banks increased from \$22,000,000 in 1892 to more than a \$1,000,000,000 in 1908 (p. 36). These figures do not include the business done with the agriculturists by the co-operative *Schultze-Delitsch* banks, although 26 per cent of the members of these are farmers. In the year 1911 these banks did a total business of nearly 4,000,000,000 (\$3,893,531,421). Besides these co-operative transactions there is a

large business done by the co-operative land mortgage associations, the value of whose outstanding bonds in 1909 was no less than \$800,000,000.

It is due to co-operation more than to any other one thing that Germany, has been enabled to increase its agricultural productively 50 per cent in 50 years, until now, though in area considerably smaller than our state of Texas, it produces 95 per cent of the food of 66,000,000 people.

When we turn to the British Isles we shall find the co-operative movement has features no less striking than those in the countries already considered. Ireland abounds in unusual difficulties in the way of the promotion of the co-operative movement, yet although it is not old, having started in 1889, it has already one thousand societies with one hundred thousand members while the annual turnover of its co-operative dairies is now \$15,000,000. The movement has never been in a more wholesome condition than it is to-day nor in a condition of more rapid growth. It is by far the most important movement in Ireland, if indeed it is not the only movement which contains promise of a bright future for its people. In England and Scotland agricultural co-operation is a comparatively new enterprise. Since 1901, when the English Agricultural Organization Society was formed, considerable progress however has been made. There are now in England more than 500 societies with a total membership of about 45,000, while each month new societies are organized. In the cities of Great Britain the co-operative movement has reached large proportions. On this island there are nearly three million members of co-operative societies. Including the families of these members it is conservatively estimated that there are now nine or ten millions of people or at least one person in every four, enjoying the benefits of the co-operative system. The English Co-operative Wholesale Society has no less than \$200,000,000 invested in its share capital. The steady and rapidly increasing growth of the business may be seen in the following figures for the sales of the Wholesale and Retail Co-operative Societies of the United Kingdom.

For the year 1865 they amounted to \$16,000,000; five years later, \$39,000,000; in 1875, \$89,000,000; five years later, \$112,000,000; in 1885, \$152,000,000; in 1890, \$212,000,000; in 1895, \$267,000,000; in 1900, \$393,000,000; in 1905, \$476,000,000; in 1910, \$575,000,000, while in 1912 they amounted to almost \$600,000,000. While it is true that a fuller realization of the magnitude of the co-operative enterprises follows personal inspection of the huge warehouses and the great buildings massed in the manufacturing plants, yet the significant figures

here given demonstrate that in Great Britain the co-operative movement is dominant and conquering.

Social Effects of Co-operation.

But the expansion and magnitude of the co-operative movement are no more impressive than are its social effects. In mentioning these it is not intended to give the impression that in every community where there is a co-operative society all the good results are observable which are commonly attributed to co-operation. Doubtless large numbers of co-operators think chiefly of the reduced cost of their purchases, of the higher prices they have received for their products, or of other material benefits. But it is none the less true that in this economic movement the application to business of certain ethical principles of a high character has produced a variety of other good results which also are well worth consideration.

Promotion of Material Prosperity.

The good results of co-operation among the poor farmers in Europe are incalculably great. It has emancipated them from the usurer. In many places small farmers had never known freedom from oppressive creditors until the founding of rural co-operative institutions. By these they have been released from this bondage. Whole communities of people have been emancipated. By capitalizing the common honesty of the poor, co-operation has secured for the small farmer at the lowest rates of interest, money to be used by him for productive purposes while the time fixed for payment is well suited to his convenience and to the needs of his occupation. Agricultural co-operation in distribution has enabled the farmer to work for his own support instead of for the support of a large number of superfluous distributors who constituted an enormous burden resting upon his shoulders. Before the introduction of the co-operative system the small farmer in all business operations had been discriminated against. He had been forced to buy inferior goods at high prices and to sell his products at prices unreasonably low. Probably the farmer's business was the only one where products were sold at wholesale while its requirements were purchased at retail prices. But co-operation has changed all this. It has enabled the small farmer to place himself on a level with the large farmer in producing articles of good quality as well as in the matter of prices received for them. It has enabled the smallest holders to obtain at moderate prices goods of guaranteed quality. Thus while it promotes efficiency on the farm, co-operation secures freedom in the market and so contributes to the highest life in the home.

The immense increase in the prosperity of the farmer in Germany is shown by the statistics of the *Raiffeisen* banks. These are very small local credit societies and as a rule serve men of moderate circumstances, while loans are made only for productive and provident purposes. Yet the annual business of banks founded on *Raiffeisen* principles together with their federations and central societies amount in Germany to over a thousand million dollars a year. Improved economic conditions and emancipation from harsh creditors has caused great enthusiasm on the part of those benefited, while it should be noted that the betterment is in no sense charity bestowed, but is simply a case of the farmers helping themselves.

The benefits of co-operation to the poor in the cities are no less evident than those enjoyed in the country. On the necessities and comforts of life co-operative buying organization has had the effect of lowering prices for all, for those without as well as for those within the co-operative movements. In Great Britain the distribution of the profits of the business among members is equivalent in its effect to reducing the cost of their purchases from 15 to 20 per cent. below what it is to those unassociated with the movement. The wage-earner employed by the co-operative society ordinarily receives better pay than those in the employ of capitalistic concerns while, in addition to his pay, the co-operator in a large number of societies receives bonuses and also receives an additional share of the profits in proportion to the amount of his purchases. Thus not only is his income increased but the cost of his living is considerably reduced. Under this system, because of his personal interest in the business, his daily occupation becomes less of a drudgery.

He labors under sanitary conditions and in many ways the co-operative societies look after his welfare, helping to make his life and that of his family pleasanter and happier.

Educational Betterment.

Agricultural co-operative societies engage in many benevolent enterprises for their members. The *Raiffeisen* banks in Germany, for example, support infant and continuation schools. They furnish the ordinary schools with maps, musical instruments and other equipment. They make grants to village libraries, organize circles for reading and acting and establish evening clubs and clubs for juvenile members. They conduct village institutes build meeting halls and establish children's savings banks, telephone services and arbitration courts. They appoint local cattle shows and hold regular meetings at which instructive lectures on co-operation and agriculture and other topics are delivered. They form gym-

nastic societies and bathing establishments; cattle and poultry breeding societies, singing societies, local nursing centres, infant aid associations and anti-consumption leagues, and engage in other good works of great variety.

In urban co-operation nearly every society sets apart a proportion of its profits to be devoted to the general welfare of the co-operators and their families. By the co-operative union in Great Britain alone more than \$800,000 were devoted last year to educational and charitable purposes. Nearly every society has one or more large halls and buildings devoted to purposes of education, recreation and social convenience of its members. All through their history the co-operative societies have organized courses of evening lectures and have had classes for training employees, while there are always good reading rooms and libraries for the use of members. Your representative visited the co-operative institutions of six British cities. In Glasgow he found an audience room, seating nearly 2,000 people. This was in a part of the city where the people were poor but here the children of the poor enjoy advantages which might well be envied by the children of the well-to-do. In this hall your representative listened to a juvenile choir which in the excellence of its singing far surpassed that of any other group of children he had ever heard. It was drilled by the musical instructor in the employ of the co-operative society. The members of this society also enjoy the privileges of a kindergarten. There are classes for painting and needle work, while instruction in various other branches is provided. In many societies there are guilds for the promotion of social gatherings.

In another city visited, the co-operative society has a large hall seating 750 and a small hall in the same building seating 200 people. It has in the same building also a kitchen and dining room, a co-operative laundry, a reception room where the choir practises, and an open air gymnasium. An instructor in physical culture is employed who holds classes three times a week. These physical culture classes cost each member only twenty-five cents a season. On each Saturday night the society's cinemetagraph is used to entertain and instruct its members. There are evening concerts also. One society visited subsidizes a band.

The recreational and educational buildings are paid for and managed by the people. Consequently they get what they want and make use of what they get. The large halls are often filled to overflowing. One of the buildings of a co-operative society in a Belgian city is said to be one of the most complete social centre houses in existence. It is a kind of club

for both men and women where they spend their leisure hours. In case of sickness the society provides trained nurses and medical advice, food and other benefits. It also receives and cares for babies of tired mothers. No individual or agency from the outside could so well minister to the needs and comforts of the people as do these people serve themselves and one another.

Not only does the increased prosperity of co-operators secure for them better education through the ordinary channels but the special facilities provided by the society, the training in doing co-operative business, together with mutual association under these favorable conditions, the close contact and association with the larger world which co-operation always assures all result in intellectual development and help to increase the intelligence and add to the fund of general information of the co-operators.

Promotion of Thrift and Morals.

It has been observed both in country and in city that co-operation has a most marked effect on the promotion of thrift. The co-operative society provides the farmer with the means of pursuing productive enterprises and consequently he engages in them. He gets out of debt and as a rule begins to save. In the urban movement it is often the case that the hard drinking laborer who is head of a wretched family is induced to trade with the co-operative society and finds in a few months that he has money to his credit drawing interest. It is likely that he has never before had in his possession money enough to supply his family with food for a week in advance. But his accumulated savings give him hope and he is encouraged to save further. Many a man of this sort, whose original investment had been only a dollar and twenty-five cents eventually has acquired as much as five hundred dollars. The condition of his family of course becomes greatly improved.

Promotion of Temperance.

When a man begins to save, his money, instead of going into the dram shop, is invested in the co-operative institution. In the country as well as in the city the wastefulness and the evil effects of alcoholic intemperance become recognized and the influence of the co-operative society is thrown against it. *In Dungloe, Ireland, the co-operative store is the only one in the village which does not sell spirituous liquors*, though it is doing a larger business than any other store. In another place where the people wished to form a co-operative society

and run a store for household goods the Irish Agricultural Organization Society refused assistance because the people who desired to co-operate thought it necessary to sell whiskey in order to hold their business in competition with the other stores, all of which engaged in the liquor traffic. In Austria and Hungary the priests are the more active in the promotion of the co-operative movement because the members spend their evenings in the co-operative society rooms instead of in the public houses. In Belgium the influence of the co-operative societies is strongly used in favor of abstinence from strong drinks. In nearly all the cafes and restaurants connected with the co-operative institutions spirits are not sold while customers are encouraged to drink light beer or non-alcoholic beverages. Thus the co-operative movement has become one of the strongest movements in the old world both in city and in country for the promotion of temperance.

Promotion of Honesty.

One of the most marked effects of the movement is the promotion of business integrity. This is a matter of common observation and experience and is well known throughout the co-operative world. For example where there is a small rural co-operative credit society, a person ordinarily cannot borrow from it unless he has acquired a reputation for reliability. As a consequence a loan comes as a certificate of character, while a refusal of one may well be a cause of serious reflection on the part of the would-be borrower. As a result, people learn to care more for their character and reputation in their dealings with one another. It becomes manifest to all that honesty is an essential quality for business efficiency.

In agricultural co-operation high prices are secured only because the good quality of the produce is guaranteed by the society. Any member who fails to conform to the standard will be fined or excluded from its privileges. The consumer and the careful producer therefore are protected from loss resulting from the misrepresentation of the careless or dishonest producer. By making the producer more careful, much waste and injustice is avoided, while it is continually being demonstrated that a high standard of business morality in the individual is an asset both for himself and for his community.

In urban co-operation where consumers unite to manufacture goods for their own consumption there is no incentive to cheating, for consumers and stockholders are the same individuals. No one therefore can gain anything by adulteration while it is to the advantage of every one concerned in the manufacture to consider the serviceability of wares and not merely their sale. Under these conditions the enormous waste

can be avoided which we now suffer from the purchase of articles made comparatively worthless by the intermixture of poor materials. But of still greater importance is the fact that honest endeavor to produce honest goods will tend to purify business and increase the moral integrity of the persons engaged in it.

The promotion of honesty by the co-operative movement comes also more directly through the atmosphere it creates. Co-operative business promotes what is called the co-operative spirit. It is a consciousness of brotherhood. Under its influence one does not wish to injure one's neighbor. Cheating and sharp practise are so out of place and altogether discordant with the co-operative spirit as to insure their infrequency.

Promotion of Independence and Self-Respect.

The independence, courage and self-respect, induced by freedom from debt, material prosperity, thrift, and temperance are also increased by reason of membership in a firmly knitted self-help association of responsibility and power. In one community visited it was remarked to the investigator that you can tell a co-operator by his independent bearing. In more than one locality attention was called to the fact that, on the part of the bankers and business men in their dealings with the small farmers and the poor people, there has been a marked disappearance of condescension and the air of favor and patronage. In parts of Ireland visited the respectful treatment on the part of others is keenly appreciated by the co-operators, while the system has caused a greater fellowship and better mutual understanding between the classes. There is a social and industrial levelling up which is satisfactory to all concerned.

Promotion of Democracy.

All this points to the powerful influence of co-operation in the promotion of democracy. The co-operative movement was essentially democratic in origin. Both the original founders and the prime movers were mainly from the class most directly benefited. That the democratic principle is the basis of success in agricultural co-operation is proved by the fact that attempts of farmers to combine on other principles almost invariably have failed, while in cities no other industrial system has been attended with social results which are so satisfactory. That true co-operation which alone can hope for enduring prosperity is founded on the principle of pure democracy can be seen by examining the specific principles observed by successful societies. Some of the more prominent

principles are as follows:

1. One man, one vote. However much or little capital the member may have he is permitted one vote and only one vote. Men vote. Money does not vote. This principle is universal and indispensable.

2. The amount of share capital which one person is permitted to hold is limited. Thus no one can acquire a preponderating interest in the business or secure consideration beyond his fellows.

3. Where shares are held the prevailing rate of interest is paid upon them and no more. Unlike other business, co-operation is not conducted solely or mainly in the interest of investors.

In co-operative stores profits are distributed as follows:

a. The prevailing rate of interest is paid to share capital.

b. A certain per cent goes to the reserve fund.

c. A certain per cent goes to educational and benevolent purposes.

d. In a considerable proportion of the societies employees receive the same dividends on wages as are received by members on their purchases.

e. The rest of the profits are distributed on the basis of patronage.

It will be seen that adherence to these principles prevents small minorities from gaining control of the societies and their business. It therefore insures that the business will be conducted for the common welfare of the members and not in the exclusive interest of a small minority. Democracy in business is therefore made secure. An economic movement based on brotherhood, a movement in which the rule "All for each and each for all" is consistently observed has resulted in great power. It has proved that democracy can be successfully applied to business, a significant fact to those who believe that apart from industrial democracy, enduring political democracy is impossible.

Solution of the Trust Problem.

To insure industrial democracy it will be necessary for the co-operative institutions to hold their own against the large combinations of capital whose profits go to the few instead of to the many. That there is a menace to the public welfare in the concentration of wealth in the hands of a few is keenly realized by the people of the old countries. They are also aware of the potency of the co-operative movement for the avoidance of this danger. Already in many places "multiple shops" threaten the existence of the small trader and it seems

that from now on there will be a struggle for survival between the co-operative organizations and the large combinations. For a long time the managers have been getting ready for the anticipated contest. That the co-operative movement will hold its own is confidently believed by the managers who are in positions of the greatest responsibility. The business capacity and foresight of those directing the more popular movement make it difficult to believe that these expectations are not well founded. It is doubtful if a joint stock corporation can conduct its affairs with an economy equalling that of the co-operative societies. In one large retail society visited by the investigator, (the Rochdale Society), the cost of distribution, including wages, all expenses and interest, amounts to less than 14 per cent. of the business done, while that of a wholesale society visited (the Scottish Wholesale Society), during the past six months amounted to only two and one-half per cent. As compared with the trusts, the leaders and high officials in the movement receive smaller salaries, though on the other hand, the ordinary laborers receive larger pay. In the co-operative factory each worker must own a share in the business. He has, therefore, a vote in its management and is a recipient of its dividends. It is to his direct personal advantage not only to give the business his best service, but also to encourage his fellow workers to do so. In the city of Belfast the ordinary wage earner in the co-operative bakery receives wages from six dollars to six dollars and a half a week, whereas men doing the same kind of work in the non-co-operative factory receive only from four dollars and a half to five dollars. Skilled laborers in the co-operative bakery receive nine dollars and thirty cents per week, which is more than is given by non-co-operative employers in any part of Ireland for similar work. In addition to their regular pay, however, the laborers receive a bonus also of seven and one-half per cent. on their wages. A co-operative society in Paisley gives a bonus of no less than ten per cent. Nowhere do laborers in the co-operative societies receive less than union wages.

It is a common rule to give a little more pay than the highest given by non-co-operative employers, while in nearly one-fourth of the institutions bonuses also are paid.

A co-operative enterprise, therefore, has a greater goodwill from the laborer than does the business of the joint stock corporation. His interest in the business increases his efficiency and the superior service rendered by him constitutes an off-set to the larger amount paid him in wages.

Moreover under co-operation there is a freedom from bad

debts which is not enjoyed under any other system. In the Co-operative Wholesale Society in Glasgow it was found that during the previous six months the bad debts amounted to only one one-hundredth of one per cent of the business done. Cash payment is encouraged. Moreover in a large number of cases the patrons or members have savings accumulated in the society. The society encourages advance payment for goods also by allowing interest on money deposited for that purpose. Customers are not trusted beyond the combined value of their deposits and capital share holding in the business so that the deposits and the society's lien on the shares of the members secure it against loss. The loyalty of customers is another source of strength, while this loyalty also makes the getting of orders by the co-operative manufacturing institutions comparatively inexpensive.

Where the movement has been long under way, co-operators will be under no disadvantage in the matter of control of capital. The British co-operative societies have capital in abundance. The Scottish Wholesale Society recently loaned two million dollars at a low rate of interest to the city of Glasgow. In fact they have even greater resources than is evident from a superficial examination of their accounts. A large number of buildings, through intentional over-allowance for depreciation, are entirely or in part written off the books. The buildings of the Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Society on Paisley Road, Glasgow, worth \$150,000 are entirely written off. In another group of four buildings belonging to the same society in the same city \$116,000 are likewise written off. According to the report and balance sheet of this society nearly \$5,000,000 have been spent on its buildings, whereas the nominal value on the books is less than two million. Wherever there is opportunity to store up reserve funds the managers embrace it, preferring to lessen present dividends for the sake of future power. The large control of capital by rural co-operators we have seen in the statistics of the movement in Germany. Where the movement is so well established, it is difficult to see how trusts can successfully compete with it. When it comes to a test between combinations which distribute their profits among the people, and those whose profits are not controlled by the people, there is little question as to which will enjoy the popular favor, a most important factor in determining the outcome of a competitive struggle.

Promotion of Political Efficiency.

The educational effect of the co-operative system is such as to give the wage earners a keen interest in public affairs and

to cause them to realize their own power and responsibility in them. That the co-operators use this power intelligently may be seen in the large number of their representatives in the public bodies and the creditable manner in which they acquit themselves. It is confidently asserted that seventy per cent. of the co-operators are on the side of political progress. Co-operation is becoming one of the strongest aids to efficiency in political democracy.

Promotion of Peace.

It is the hope of most leaders in the co-operative movement that it will do much to make war less frequent. The co-operative alliances of different countries will undoubtedly increase their trade with one another. Already reference has been made to an international alliance of co-operators. The members of a great international business organization will understand the folly of going to war with one another. Among co-operators there is a minimum of mutual suspicion. With them the recognition of brotherhood and community of interest is a habit of mind. Add to this their increased intelligence, larger information, broader outlook, and increased political efficiency, and we must recognize that the bonds which hold the people of the earth together in peace will be strengthened as the co-operative movement advances throughout the world.

Promotion of Brotherhood and Religion.

The experience of the co-operative movement indicates that the application of right ethics to business results well, not only to business itself but to the character of those engaged in it and to all parts of the social fabric.

It was observed by members of the American Commission that in nearly all the European countries from Italy to Ireland "the great body of co-operators, especially among the leaders, think of agricultural co-operation as a sort of social reform and in some cases almost as a religion." The admirable moral and social results are recognized nearly everywhere. Not only has it taught illiterate men to read, made "dissipated men sober, careless men thrifty, and dishonest men square" but it has made friends out of neighbors who had always been enemies, while estrangements among men through religious antipathies and the inheritance of ancient feuds have yielded to its influence and have disappeared.

It is natural that sound principles of economic justice and the spirit of brotherhood should create enthusiasm in those who are engaged in the movement. In the co-operative enter-

prises therefore laborers are more contented, enjoy their work better and labor and live with more zest.

Large numbers of capable executives are engaged in the movement at great personal sacrifice to themselves of time and money. There are men who, although managing a business of \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000 a year, have never received a salary of more than \$1,500 to \$2,000. Though last year the business of the English Co-operative Wholesale Society was \$150,000,000, the man who had managed it for twenty-one years and had brought it to its present condition of prosperity and success, left an estate when he died whose value was less than two thousand dollars. One man of brilliant literary attainments devotes nearly his whole time in unpaid service to the movement though he is far from being rich.

Many men, because of the same spirit, are living in great frugality though rendering invaluable service. Frequently organizers of co-operative societies in whole hearted devotion live on the lowest possible salaries, suffering hardships and prolonged absence from congenial homes. The Agricultural Organization Society in Ireland impressed the investigator as a Christian institution quite as really as did the churches in that country. Intimate association with one of its organizers, while occupied in his routine work, led to the clear impression that he was a Christian minister steadfastly and earnestly fulfilling his mission. It was patriotic, philanthropic and religious motives that held him to his work. The movement in the vicinity of Dungloe, Ireland, has an atmosphere like that of a Christian missionary enterprise in its pioneer stage of development. In two other places in Donegal, Ireland, two meetings attended were like religious services. The co-operative movement in the vicinity of the Temple Crone Society is regarded by the people as Divinely inaugurated, inspired, directed and sustained.

In view of these facts, it is not surprising, therefore, that the model by-laws and constitution of an association under the *Raiffeisen* system declare that the object of the institution is the promotion of Christianity. Raiffeisen himself held that conception of the purpose of the institution he created. A business system which has reached such great dimensions, yet is founded on the promotion of Christianity, might well be expected to have good social and economic results.

The Part Played by the Church.

It could scarcely be expected that a movement with such beneficial results could have been inaugurated and successfully furthered apart from close association with the Christian churches. In many of the co-operative enterprises it was

found that the clergymen have played an important part. This was particularly true in the beginning or early stages of the movement when help was most needed. In fact in Ireland, Germany, Austria, Belgium, Holland, Italy, Hungary and to some extent also in France and Russia and in the Balkan states the ministers of the church have been of the utmost assistance. In many countries their aid at times has been indispensable, while in some countries the great advance of agricultural organization has been materially due to their influence. In Belgium, for example, it is the clergy that have not only inaugurated and promoted the co-operative credit banks, societies for purchase, production and sale, insurance and other societies, but have taught technical agriculture as well. It is due almost entirely to the church that there is scarcely a single district in the country without its federation of agricultural societies, while practically all these are under clerical guidance. In Austria and Hungary the ministers are likewise active in giving instruction and advice to the farmer on the advantages of co-operation, while in Italy a majority of the co-operative banks have been promoted and are managed by the clergy. Clerical activity in favor of co-operation is found also in Roman Catholic parts of Holland. In some of these countries the activity was for the most part that of the Roman Catholics, but in Germany and elsewhere clergymen of all denominations have given their active support to the *Raiffeisen* institutions since their inception. At the present time large numbers of Protestant clergymen are to be found as chairmen of committees of management and boards of supervision, while in some cases they perform the duties of secretaries. A well-known authority says that in several essentially Protestant districts in that country he has found that in many of the district councils of the *Raiffeisen* Union, Protestant clergymen form a majority of the members, or as in Pomerania, Saxony and Thuringen, hold office in the local credit societies. Not long ago at least twenty out of twenty-two directors of the District of Cassel were clergymen. In this district there is the best selected group of *Raiffeisen* societies in Germany. In fact where the *Raiffeisen* movement in Germany is at its best it is often found to have been promoted, directed, supervised, and inspired by Protestant ministers, while a large number of these act as *Vertrauensmänner* or trusted agents of the *Raiffeisen* banks. The sympathetic participation in and promotion of the co-operative movement on the part of the church is a logical and almost necessary result of the existence of a movement of such a character, since many of the ends for which the church is striving are effectually accomplished by these institutions, while these

institutions, in their purpose and endeavors, necessarily command the sympathy and allegiance of every sincere and disinterested churchman.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES O. GILL.

COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Report to the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America for the Year 1914.

At the first annual meeting of this Commission held in Baltimore, December 4, 1913, the following tentative statement regarding scope and purpose was adopted:

The scope of this Commission is understood to be as wide as the whole field of religious education, and the functions and procedure of the Commission to be not to work *de novo*, but to promote the co-operation of all agencies now at work and to make the labors and results of these agencies available to the churches and to the world at large.

Four topics were chosen for the immediate consideration of the Commission, each topic being assigned for investigation to a special committee of five, as follows:

a. Committee on Correlation between Churches and Public Schools in the Work of Christian Education. George U. Werner, Chairman.

b. Committee on Elementary Religious Instruction in the Sunday School and the Training of Christian Leaders and Teachers in Our Colleges, Universities and Seminaries. C. D. Bulla, Chairman.

c. Committee on Religious Education in the Home. Martyn Summerbell, Chairman.

d. Committee on The Utilization of the Public Press in the Interest of Religious Education. George P. Mains, Chairman.

Reports were received at the present session of the Commission from the first three of these Committees.

During the year the Executive Committee of the Commission has held three formal meetings as follows:

1. At New Haven, Conn., in March.
2. At the Headquarters of the Federal Council in New York City, on October 8.
3. At the Headquarters of the Federal Council in New York on December 2.

At the March meeting preliminary consideration was given to the question of the possible co-operation of the Commission with the Church Peace Union in its efforts to bring to the attention of the evangelical churches of North America the important subject of international peace and arbitration.

It was voted

That the Secretary be requested to informally advise Rev. Frederick Lynch, Secretary of the Church Peace Union, of the favorable attitude of this Commission toward co-operation with the Church Peace Union in any educational propaganda which the Union might desire to undertake in the interests of international peace and arbitration.

In compliance with this request of the Executive Committee the Secretary under date of March 10, wrote to Dr. Lynch, advising him of the attitude of the Executive Committee toward the work of the Church Peace Union. Further correspondence and personal conferences with Dr. Lynch, in consultation with Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, led to more formal consideration of the question of such co-operation at the October meeting of the Executive Committee of the Commission.

At the invitation of the Church Peace Union the Executive Committee at its October meeting took steps toward the formulation of a definite plan of co-operation for an Educational Peace Propaganda to be conducted by the Commission on Christian Education for the Church Peace Union in the evangelical churches of North America.

This plan of co-operation as presented by the Commission to the Church Peace Union was accepted by the Church Peace Union.

The plan of co-operation as adopted provided, among other things, for the immediate preparation in outline of a short course of study on International Peace, the pursuit of which on the part of Bible classes and other adult groups will inspire a recognition of the fact that loyalty to Christ is the basis of all international brotherliness and of permanent world peace. The preparation of this outline was entrusted to Prof. Norman E. Richardson, of Boston, in consultation with Rev. B. S. Winchester, representing the Executive Committee of this Commission, and with the World Peace Foundation and other agencies specially interested in the peace movement. This outline is in hand and will shortly be distributed to the recognized religious-educational agencies of the various evangelical churches for such use as they may see fit to make of the outline. The course of lessons is based specifically upon the teachings of Christ and the New Testament concerning the universal brotherhood of man and the world-wide scope of the Kingdom. Carefully selected Scripture references, together with a comparative bibliography prepared in the offices of the World Peace Foundation, will accompany this outline.

In addition, the Commission is co-operating with the American Institute of Social Service in the production of a course on International Peace to be printed in *The Gospel of the Kingdom* during 1915.

The general plan of co-operation with the Church Peace Union further provides:

1. For the utilization of existing denominational and inter-denominational agencies charged with the responsibility of providing lesson courses for the Sunday school.

2. For co-operation with a special Committee from the National Education Association with a view to correcting the attitude prevalent in the teaching of history from one of the glorification of war to one emphasizing the ideals and superlative blessings of peace, and inculcating in the minds of the rising generation an appreciation of the splendid qualities inherent in all races.

3. A recommendation from the Commission to higher institutions of learning suggesting that a special course of studies on International Peace be made a part of the regular curriculum.

The Commission on Christian Education of the Federal Council, by reason of the personnel of its committees and of the Commission itself, is in a position most advantageously and economically to reach the Sunday-school, college, and adult constituencies of the evangelical churches of North America through already existing interdenominational agencies dealing with various aspects of religious education, including Sunday-school instruction.

Co-operation between all of the various agencies at work in the Sunday-school and college field is made possible through the Commission on Christian Education by virtue of the fact that the membership of this Commission on Christian Education includes representatives from all of the organizations above mentioned who, at the same time, represent officially the various denominations affiliated with the Federal Council. Of the Commission's Executive Committee of five members, three are members of the Council of Church Boards of Education, four are members of the Sunday School Council of Evangelical Denominations, and two are members of the International Lesson Committee. This Commission, therefore, is in a position, through the channels of co-operation at its command, to reach effectively every part of the denominational and inter-denominational field with suggestions it may desire to make to the evangelical churches of North America on behalf of any worthy religious-educational enterprise.

The Commission fully understands that in any effort to affect denominational Sunday-school teaching in a larger way or to introduce into the established curriculum of the Sunday-school effectively the message of international peace, it will be necessary to work through the existing denominational and interdenominational agencies. It will be the purpose of the Commission on Christian Education to carefully scrutinize all existing Sunday-school lesson material with a view to securing greater recognition of and emphasis upon the ideals of international peace and the Christian principles upon which rest all right appreciation and regard for races other than our own. To proceed thoroughly in this matter will require considerable

time and labor, especially in view of the fact that Sunday-school lesson courses prepared interdenominationally must be prepared several years in advance of the time of their use.

The meeting of the Commission held in Richmond showed an attendance of twenty-one members and eight visitors, as compared with eighteen members and fourteen visitors at the first annual meeting a year ago. The attendance, moreover, was more thoroughly representative of the various denominational and interdenominational agencies co-operating in the work of this Commission.

The annual statement of the Chairman emphasized the primary responsibility of the Church for the work of Christian Education in America and pointed out the signs of progress and the enlarging opportunity of the Church in this field.

The report of the Secretary summarized the work undertaken during the year by the Executive Committee and the other committees of the Commission and gave in detail the plan of co-operation with the Church Peace Union. It contained important suggestions regarding the program of work for 1915 (see below), and suggested the adoption of a budget of \$10,000 for the work of the Commission for the coming year.

The report of the Committee on Correlation between Churches and the Public Schools in the Work of Christian Education was referred to a special committee which presented the following statement which was adopted:

"We urge upon pastors a revival of the teaching aspect of their work. For pastors desiring to develop religious teaching on week days co-ordinate with the Sunday school, we suggest the following program:

1. That they organize a staff of trained teachers or teachers who are in training.
2. That they canvass the parents in their congregations to get their requests to the public schools to excuse their children for attendance upon week-day religious instruction and also to secure the full co-operation of parents in this work.
3. That the pastors of the community jointly present these requests of parents to the local school authorities.
4. That a room or rooms be secured for this instruction suited pedagogically and hygienically for this work, and that if possible such room or rooms be in a church and within safe convenience of the public school.
5. That the scholastic nature of the work in quality and quantity be on a parity with that given in the same length of time in the public schools.
6. That we ask of the public schools that pupils who successfully do this work under church direction be in no wise retarded in their advancement in the grades.
7. That the public schools be requested to release pupils for religious instruction one-half day a week, or its equivalent during the week.

8. We recommend that the churches adopt a plan of vacation Bible schools.

We recommend that the standing Committee on Correlation between Churches and Public Schools in the Work of Christian Education be authorized to arrange for a Conference between Committees of all bodies dealing with this problem and in addition the Committee be authorized to ask to its sessions experts working on the problem from the standpoint of the public schools."

A resolution was adopted recommending that the weekly prayer-meeting topics in local churches include the general subject of religious education, as follows:

"WHEREAS, adequate provision for religious education by all agencies in the local church implies a church membership awakened to its own needs and in sympathy with modern ideals of religious education; and

"WHEREAS, We count the upbuilding of the work of Christian instruction and training a holy cause, well fitted to be the basis for the mid-week prayers and meditations of a congregation; and

WHEREAS, Many denominations issue lists of weekly prayer-meeting topics, which are of wide influence in the church life of these bodies; therefore, be it

Resolved

1. That we recommend to those denominations which annually issue standard lists of topics for the weekly prayer meeting that they devote, if possible, one topic every month to the general subject of religious education.

2. That we suggest to the Sunday School Council of Evangelical Denominations the preparation annually of a list of twelve practical topics in religious education, with suitable Scripture passages, to be transmitted to the proper denominational authorities, with a request that they be incorporated in the standard list of prayer-meeting topics for the year.

In outlining its work for the coming year, 1915, the Commission decided to give special attention to the following subjects:

1. Correlation between churches and public schools in the work of Christian education.

2. Utilization of the public press in the interests of Christian education.

3. Religious education in the home.

4. Special peace instruction in churches and colleges.

5. The Church and higher education.

It was voted

1. That a special committee, selected in harmony with the recommendation of the Secretary's report, be entrusted with the prosecution of the work involved in the study of each of these subjects.

2. That the appointment of these committees be made by the Chairman in consultation with the Secretary of the Commis-

sion and with the President and General Secretary of the Federal Council.

3. That the Executive Committee of the Commission, in consultation with the Administrative Committee of the Council be requested to give special attention to the problem of the larger financial support of this Commission.

Rev. H. K. Carroll, Associate Secretary of the Federal Council, presented to the Commission the plans for a centenary celebration of the signing of the treaty of Ghent, with special reference to the program prepared for use in denominational Sunday schools. By formal vote the plans as presented by Dr. Carroll were approved.

The Commission by formal vote approved the action of the Secretary and the Executive Committee taken in the interim between this and the last annual meeting of the Commission.

The Commission would recommend to the Executive Committee of the Federal Council the adoption of this report with the approval of the plans for the work of the Commission for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted for the Commission,

WILBUR F. TILLET, *Chairman.*

HENRY H. MEYER, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON TEMPERANCE.

To the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America for the year 1914.

A two-day session of the Commission was held in the Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Washington, D. C., December 10-11, 1913. At this meeting the Commission organized, adopted a plan for permanent organization, which is herewith submitted for your approval, elected an Executive Committee and a Committee on Temperance Literature. The Minutes of this meeting of the Commission appear in the Annual Reports of the Federal Council for the year 1913, pages 103-109.

During the year there have been meetings of the Executive Committee and of the Committee on Literature. Twenty leaflets have been issued, a list of which is herewith given. Plans for the joint use of Temperance Literature by the several denominational Temperance Commissions and Agencies are under consideration. The Chairman and Secretary of the Commission have had an extensive correspondence.

It is gratifying to report that the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, the Christian Church or the American Christian Convention, during the past year, appointed Temperance Commissions, and the Disciples of Christ have officially constituted a National Board of Temperance. All the supreme judicatories represented in the Federal Council have called the attention of their church members to Temperance principles and methods, in harmony with the position taken by the Federal Council.

The activities of the various denominational Temperance Commissions and Agencies, as presented to your Commission, indicate a growing enlargement of the work as well as the value of and larger opportunities for the Federal Council's Commission on Temperance.

In accordance with the authority conferred by the by-laws, we nominate as additional members of the Commission—Hon. William J. Bryan, Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.; Rev. A. DeWitt Mason, New York; and Rev. James M. Martin, Paterson, N. J.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Commission, December 10, 1914, are herewith submitted for your information and approval.

"The Commission met in Richmond, Va., December 10th, 1914, at 9:30 A. M., and was called to order by the Chairman, Rev. Rufus W. Miller.

Prayer was offered by Rev. W. J. Wright, of Franklin, Ind. The minutes of the meeting of December, 1913, were read and approved.

Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Orthodox Friends.

Mrs. Sara H. Hoge, Lincoln, Va.
Rev. S. E. Nicholson, Richmond, Ind.

Reformed Church in America.

Rev. Jesse W. Brooks, New York, N. Y.

Reformed Church in the United States.

Rev. Rufus W. Miller, Philadelphia, Pa.

Baptist Church.

Rev. Hervey Wood, New York, N. Y.

African Baptist Church.

Rev. Walter H. Brooks, Washington, D. C.

Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Rev. James Cannon, Waynesville, N. C.

Ev. Lutheran Church, General Synod.

Rev. E. C. Dinwiddie, Washington, D. C.

Protestant Episcopal Church.

Miss H. K. Graham, New York, N. Y.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Hon. A. E. Wilson, Chicago, Ill.

Disciples of Christ.

Rev. W. J. Wright, Franklin, Ind.

Christian Church.

Rev. W. W. Staley.

Presbyterian Church in the U. S.

Rev. J. H. Lacy, Winchester, Va.

Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Rev. T. H. Acheson, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Associate Reformed Church.

Rev. L. I. Echols, Raphine, Va.

Congregational Church.

W. B. Wheeler, Columbus, Ohio.

Methodist Protestant Church.

Rev. Lyman E. Davis, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Rev. Charles Scanlon, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Rev. W. F. Crafts, Washington, D. C.

The Chairman nominated Hon. W. J. Bryan, of Washington, D. C., Rev. A. DeW. Mason, of New York, and Rev. James M. Martin, of Paterson, N. J., as additional members of the Commission, and their nomination was confirmed.

The reports of the several representatives for their respective denominations showed an encouraging increase of interest, and some of them marked lines of activity in practical work.

The establishment of a Permanent Temperance Committee by the Christian Church and by the Reformed Church in America was noted.

A communication from Rev. S. Z. Batten, of the Social Service Commission of the Northern Baptist Convention, was read, suggesting certain changes in the proposed Prohibition Amendment to the Federal Constitution. After discussion this and other legislative matters were referred to the Executive Committee, with the recommendation that a conference be held on the form of the bill, if it did not pass the present Congress.

Rev. Hervey Wood moved that a committee be appointed to co-operate with Foreign Missionary Societies in the United States and Canada and the Native Races Liquor Traffic United Committee of London. The motion was adopted, and Rev. Rufus W. Miller, of Philadelphia, Rev. Hervey Wood, of New York, and Rev. E. C. Dinwiddie, of Washington, D. C., appointed as members of the Committee, with instruction to confer with the Foreign Missions Council, and to take such action as might be deemed wise.

On motion of Hon. A. E. Wilson, it was

Resolved, That we favor four temperance lessons each year in the International Sunday-school course, and that we co-operate in the observance of four Sabbaths in the year 1915.

The Committee on Literature reported having held a meeting during the year, selected and published twenty different tracts. Samples of a variety of posters, pledge cards and literature were presented, examined and considered. It was recommended that so far as practicable literature be used in common so as to enlarge the quantity and reduce the cost of production.

Financial reports from a number of temperance organizations were received and ordered placed in the hands of an Auditing Committee. The Secretary was instructed to make another request of such organizations as had not responded, and notify them that failure to respond would be published as per instruction of the Federal Council in 1912.

Resolutions were adopted favoring a campaign of pledge signing throughout the nation, especially emphasizing July 4th and World's Temperance Sunday, and urging the elimination of liquor advertisements from such periodicals as continue to carry the same.

A resolution reaffirming the advocacy of National Prohibition was unanimously adopted.

It was *Resolved*, That those who arrange the program for the Week of Prayer be requested to include Temperance as one of the subjects to be considered on a specified day.

The Secretary reported that various scientific bodies which had been solicited during the year to include the subject of Temperance in their investigations, had expressed interest, but inability to do so for lack of funds. The Secretary was instructed to continue this line of effort during the coming year.

The Executive Committee was empowered to fill vacancies in its membership.

All unfinished business or subjects which might arise during the year that require immediate attention, were referred to the Executive Committee with power.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Chairman.

CHARLES SCANLON, *Secretary.*"

It will be noted in the Minutes that, agreeably to the suggestion made by the Hon. William J. Bryan, in his address before the Executive Committee, December 9th, plans for a campaign for the taking of pledges, in behalf of total abstinence, were carefully considered. It was felt that the challenge of the Secretary of State was timely and that his own example was most inspiring and pointed the way by which a Campaign of Education in behalf of Temperance, could be carried on by your Commission, special denominational Temperance Agencies, and all the Temperance organizations throughout the land. It is purposed to organize, under the direction of the Executive Committee of your Temperance Commission, a large representative advisory, as well as active committee, for a united campaign of pledge-signing. This campaign is in harmony with the specific work of the Commission, which is and must be educational and moral in its nature.

Your Commission is also receiving, in accordance with the action of the Federal Council at Chicago, 1912, financial reports and plans of work from various Temperance Agencies throughout the land. These will be examined carefully by the Executive Committee. Large sums of money are given annually by Christian people to these various Temperance agencies.

It is only just to the Christian churches that adequate standards be erected and, so far as possible, economy be exercised in the expenditure of money in behalf of Temperance and that gradually the way may be opened for larger co-operation and the elimination of over-lapping agencies and of those which are accomplishing little or nothing in results.

Your Commission is impressed with the rapid advance in Temperance sentiment throughout the land. It is profoundly significant that the churches of the land have taken strong and unequivocal ground in behalf of Temperance and that there is a recognition of the influence and value of the Federal Council's work in behalf of Temperance.

Recommendations.

1. We recommend approval of Plan of Organization of the Commission on Temperance. Pages 106-107, Annual Reports of Federal Council, 1913.

2. We recommend a United Campaign of Pledge-Signing, including the special use of Sunday, July 4, 1915, as *Patriotic Temperance Day*, and the World's Temperance Sunday, November, 1915, under the direction of the Executive Committee of the Commission on Temperance, in co-operation with all Temperance organizations and agencies in the United States, so far as possible.

3. WHEREAS, Many newspapers and magazines have banished liquor advertisements from their columns, we hereby hail such action as an important step in temperance reform and heartily commend the periodicals which have taken this wise position in the interests of the home and the safety and protection of children and young people; and we urge all temperance societies and committees to make thorough and persistent effort, through various channels, such as religious papers, pastors and laymen, to bring pressure to bear by letters and interviews with editors and publishers to eliminate all such objectionable advertisements from their publications.

4. We reaffirm our conviction, in view of the scientific, economic and moral aspects of the use and sale of alcoholic beverages, that total abstinence for the individual and prohibition for the State and Nation is the path of wisdom and safety; and we express the hope that the Congress of the United States will give the several states of the Union the opportunity according to the principles of our Government to vote for or against a Constitutional Prohibition Amendment.

List of Temperance Leaflets Issued by the Commission.

- No. 5. Alcoholic Heredity.
- No. 10. Does it Pay?
- No. 15. Hanley's Hates.
- No. 16. Facts Concerning Alcohol.
- No. 18. Drink and the Doctor's Bill.
- No. 21. A Royal Ally.
- No. 30. A Campaign of Pledge-Signing.
- No. 33. Words of the Wise.
- No. 48. Charged with Murder.
- No. 54. A Study in Faces.
- No. 57. Down Hill.
- No. 58. Business Favors Prohibition.
- No. 70. Shall I Drink?
- No. 71. Baseball vs. Cigarets and Drink.
- No. 75. African Missions and the Liquor Traffic.
- No. 96. Socialism and Prohibition.
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The Ladder of the Spirit.

The Menace of Drink.

What's the Matter with Kansas?

Respectfully submitted,

RUFUS W. MILLER, *Chairman.*

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON FAMILY LIFE ON THE LAX RELATIONS OF THE CHURCH AND THE HOME.

A conspicuous weakness of organized Christianity at this hour is its inadequate ministry to the home and the limited influence it exerts over family life. This is a condition fatal to the larger progress of Christ's kingdom among us. To recognize its existence is to realize the imperative need of correcting it. It has grown upon America so gradually that many Christian leaders are but dimly aware of its presence. It is undoubtedly caused in part by the unavoidable changes which have occurred in the modes of modern life. These are not to be ignored, simply because they were inevitable. On this very account they call for the most studious attention. The churches must confront new situations with renewed courage and sagacity.

Without undertaking to describe in detail conditions which are familiar to many serious thinkers and are recognized by all as soon as their minds are turned toward them, we may venture to designate certain influences which have depressed the authority of religion in the home. Some of these are fundamental to the current order of life and are in no sense confined to the operations of the churches.

Foremost among them is the impairing of the unity of the family by things which are incident particularly to life in great towns and cities. The herding of people in humble tenements, more pretentious apartment houses, or luxurious hotels, makes impossible that wholesome family isolation from the mass which in a former period of our history preserved ideals of household integrity no longer easily maintained. Moreover, the multifarious interests which appeal to the individual members of the family tend to pull them apart from one another and to defeat that solidarity of household sentiment and aspiration which once prevailed. It is not strange that what affects all the relations of the family should show itself most painfully in the derangement of the religious life of the household. In rural and suburban communities the family is more nearly united in interest and activity, but in the crowded centres of population the old order seems virtually to be destroyed. The opportunity of the Church to exercise its ministry over the entire family is thereby very much diminished.

Counteracting to some degree the advantage of suburban life in preserving the unity of the family, so far as relates to the work of the Church, is the fact that while the children in

the household may become attached to a Sunday school located in the neighborhood of their residence, the parents in many instances with propriety retain their membership in a church situated miles distant in the city from which they migrated. The family is thus ecclesiastically rent in sunder at the very beginning. Common church interests do not hold them together.

Akin to this embarrassment to religious unity in the family is the growing tendency not only to permit but even to encourage the satisfying of individual preferences respecting church affiliations. The inherent right of choice is not of course to be deprecated, but it requires little vision to discern that its unlimited exercise is prejudicial to the development of family unity touching religious life. It commonly happens that several denominations will be represented in a family of average size. In a day when interdenominationalism, co-operative church effort and federation of ecclesiastical bodies are so earnestly advocated there does not seem to be any justification for restraining members of the household from gratifying their ecclesiastical tastes; nevertheless, the fact that families are thus divided militates against the sovereignty of religion in the home. The family pew has almost entirely disappeared. There was a distinct and powerful advantage to household religion in the old habit of the father and mother assembling their children under their personal surveillance within the space segregated for them in the church. A return to that practice would result in great benefit.

The evil against which we are speaking lies much deeper, however, than these external facts would indicate. The Church has failed in some unexplained way to hold the heads of families to strict and conscientious observance of duty toward the family in respect to religion. The rich and varied life of our times has been permitted to crowd out of the home program, as an indispensable element in its life, the consideration of religious interests. While the poor and those with slender incomes are perhaps by the very narrowness of their lives compelled to seek social pleasures and mental culture within the pale of the church, the people in better circumstances seek the gratification of their natural and healthful desires in the provision made by secular agencies. The church is no longer regarded as sufficient to supply any other needs than those which spring from spiritual requirements. It is probably not desirable that the Church should undertake to compete with the world in this respect, but it is essential in that the family should be taught that religion affords the kind of culture and the sources of joy which cannot be obtained outside its pale, and that whatever diversity of pursuit may

be allowable for broadening of the social and intellectual life, it is indispensable to the health of the soul that fidelity to religious obligations should be maintained. The home which fails to make this matter clear to the intelligence of its members is recreant to a most sacred trust. Parental responsibility must be preached with unceasing earnestness with a view to affecting a radical reformation in this particular.

It is to be deprecated that a mistaken reserve touching the discussion of religious questions has taken hold of our people, so that familiar and informal conversation about personal religion has almost disappeared from our families. On the other hand, when the Church is under review, or religious movements are given consideration, a critical spirit is indulged, which often develops into censoriousness. Under such circumstances the Church is scrutinized with exactly the same temper and purpose as would be used in connection with any secular institution which was under suspicion. It is not strange that children listening to such comment should gradually acquire either indifference to the high claims of religion or a disposition to look with contempt upon whatever is put forth in the name of the Church.

Joined to this destructive influence is an obvious lack of authority in the home. The demand for strict conformity to principles of conduct laid down by parents is foolishly regarded as a species of tyranny. Sentimental but unreasoning people have in great numbers substituted what they think is the gentleness of love, but what is really an idle acquiescence in lawlessness, for an authoritative requirement that the law shall be kept. This spirit runs all through our modern social structure. It shows itself nowhere more distinctly than in the family life of the day. Where this exists it is certain that its fell and enervating power will be most sensibly felt in respect to religion. The thought of inducing children to attend public worship by anything stronger than a friendly suggestion is abhorrent to many people. They forget that while under a former Puritanic regime children resented compulsory attendance at church, the majority of them on arriving at maturity confessed that though resentment was awakened in their young hearts by the necessity of doing a thing that was irksome to them, the influence of it upon their subsequent lives was most beneficial.

In attempting to correct the evils now under consideration it is unavoidable that the functions of the pastor should have primary emphasis. It is not to be overlooked that the great majority of marriages are performed by ministers of the gospel. The number of persons who would not be satisfied with a wedding devoid of the official sanction of religion is

very great. Even those who have no deep personal concern for spiritual interests show themselves eager to invest so solemn a step as marriage with holy associations. The clergyman who unites people in marriage has an opportunity at a time when they are exceedingly impressionable to lay before them certain religious obligations of the highest moment. He may readily explain to them the great importance of establishing united prayer and of determining that religion shall occupy a central place in the home to be established. This is to begin at the very beginning and to create a sentiment in behalf of household religion which can only lead to happy results as the family begins its natural expansion.

The continuous emphasizing of the solemn responsibilities of parents is one of the deep requirements of our time. It is to be confessed with humiliation that even church members who are heads of families are reluctant to assume the obligation which rests upon them to safeguard the religious life of their children. Mothers are often more eager that their daughters shall shine in society than that they shall dedicate their lives to Christ. Fathers show greater solicitude in placing their sons in circumstances which will enable them to make good business and social connections, even to the selection of a college most likely to provide these advantages, than they are to induce them to follow the Master. Perhaps the failure of the churches more fully to control the devotional life of the family has no deeper source than this.

There are important offices of religion in the home which sorely need to be renewed, such as the saying of grace at meals, the performance of family worship, however brief it may be required to be by the exigencies of life, and the quiet instruction of children in the fundamental truths of religion. If the life of the home is so strenuous that the last named of these duties cannot well be discharged, then it is incumbent upon the heads of the family to place at the disposal of the minister and his assistants the young lives that are to be trained in godliness; and the pastor who does not recognize his compelling duty to instruct the young in vital piety ought to have no place in the modern Church.

It is not amiss in seeking to restore to religion its former sovereignty over the life of the family to urge that the Church everywhere should ally itself with those measures of social reform which are calculated to relieve the unwholesome conditions prevalent in crowded cities. The tenement and apartment house assault upon the unity of the family, if it cannot be wholly eliminated, must at least be radically checked. But whatever changes may be effected, or whatever failure there may be to accomplish all that is obviously required, the obliga-

tion is upon the Church skilfully and energetically to adapt its work to the situation which confronts it, and thus finally to overcome what now appear to be irremovable embarrassments to family religion.

The Church must have the family if it is ever to have the world. Christianity is essentially a social religion. The ultimate test of its efficiency may be its ability to regenerate the individual. But if it is true to its office it must immediately proceed to the task of benefiting groups and masses. It has a decided community function, from which it cannot escape. The unit of the social structure is the family. If Christianity cannot save households it cannot hope to redeem society.

GEORGE P. ECKMAN, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.

Your Commission on Sunday Observance are convinced that they are concerned with one of the most vital problems of the Nation's life; and we are persuaded that the conditions require serious attention and immediate action.

To take out of our calendar one day in seven for rest and worship would mean the destruction of our civilization. Consequently one of the first issues of these times is the proper regard in the observance of this day. We need it from every point of view. Its place is not only sacred but essential. When it has been desecrated it has marked degradation of our civilization. Where it has been upheld there has been indication of spiritual and moral progress. With this conviction the Commission on Sunday Observance has sought by letters, newspaper articles and addresses to be a very definite influence in upholding the great principles that have made this day what it is to us. In the recent meeting of the Commission several definite forward steps were taken with the purpose of making the Commission a more vital factor in the life of the nation. To that end the following resolutions were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That a Committee of Direction of nine members, including the Chairman and Recording Secretary of this Commission, be appointed by the Chairman of the Commission to transact such business as may arise between the annual meetings of the Commission.

2. That the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America heartily approves the plans for the Fourteenth International Lord's Day Congress to be held from July 27 to August 1, 1915, at Oakland, and commends it to the churches and Christian people of America, and of the world for their interest, support, and if possible their attendance; and further, that our President, Dr. Shailer Mathews, be named in response to the invitations as a member of the Council of Honor of the Congress.

3. That we approve the introduction in the House of Representatives and in the Senate of the United States of a Sunday Rest Bill for all government employees, said bill to be endorsed by the Committee of Direction, hereinafter as provided and submitted to the Commission for its approval.

4. That we ask all public officials for better Sunday laws throughout all our states where such laws obtain and express an urgent hope that at the earliest possible moment a Sunday law shall be enacted for the District of Columbia and the State of California, where no such laws exist.

5. That we endorse the observance of Lord's Day Week beginning the Sunday following Easter and we recommend the preaching of sermons and the use of other appropriate exercises in our churches and Sunday schools, especially on the Sundays included in the Lord's Day week.

6. Believing that many of the modern methods of spending Sunday, such as the reading of the Sunday newspapers, the playing of Sunday baseball, golf and tennis, Sunday automobiling for pleasure, excursions and Sunday theatres, are a misuse of the day, an injury to the higher man and to society, we would therefore emphasize the importance of the sacred use of the Sabbath as applicable to modern times as declared by Isaiah 58: 13-14:

"If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord honorable; and shall honor Him, not doing thine own ways nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words;

"Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

7. That we not only endorse a half holiday of one of the six days of the week for physical rest, preferably Saturday, as tending to give better observance to Sunday, but for the higher sake of the opportunity for the largest possible self culture, we hope the time may come when hand and brain toilers shall have for their own use both Saturday and Sunday, one being a day of social recreation and the other a day of worship. We further desire to discourage the common practice of placing the same burdens upon students in our universities on Saturday and Monday as on other days, so as to give larger opportunity for Sunday worship.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) PETER AINSLIE, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON STATE AND LOCAL FEDERATIONS.

In making this second Annual Report, the Commission on State and Local Federations would first call attention to bare details of certain activities of the Commission, and its members; and then briefly refer to the progress of the principles of federation in state and local organizations.

Activities of the Commission.

Because of the widely separated residences of the members of the Commission, no full or even fairly representative meeting of the Commission has as yet been possible. One year ago, in connection with the annual meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council, a small gathering of the members of the Commission was held in Baltimore. The discussions at that time contributed largely to the clearer definition of a federation and its functions; and removed not a few misconceptions and misunderstandings.

At this first meeting Rev. Edward M. McConoughey, assistant to Dr. Macfarland, was made Clerk of the Commission. As Mr. McConoughey is in the national office and is devoting his entire time to the services of the Federal Council, his appointment as Clerk links the correspondence and the activities of the Commission very closely with the plans and the purposes of the national headquarters, a situation which is highly desirable from every point of view.

During the year Mr. McConoughey, as Clerk of the Commission, partially under the direction of the Chairman and always with his co-operation, has conducted a large amount of correspondence, first in gathering data for the compilation of "A Directory of State and Local Federations in the United States," and further in replying to many inquiries from all parts of the country concerning the formation of federations and methods of procedure in their conduct and usefulness. This correspondence reveals an ever-increasing interest in the federative movement. The inquiries suggest many problems of the federative movement. For example,—What is a Union Church? A Federated Church? How should they be organized? Please suggest a Constitution. Give the advantages and disadvantages of the Union as compared with the Federated and Denominational Church. Where can pastors for a union church be obtained? Are they higher salaried men or not? What is a good theological school for Union Churches? Please send latest plans for a Union Church building. How can one congregation be persuaded to give up

its own building and organization and join forces with other churches? How should a property be cared for in uniting two congregations?

Many problems confront the federation worker. For example,—What should be the motive of a Federation, religious or civic? Should the moral forces of a community, regardless of belief, be voting members of a federation? Should a Federation incorporate the civic betterment agencies, such as the Charities, Law and Order League, etc., and thereby do their work, or is it better to foster sympathetically such organizations? What is the best proportion for lay and clerical representatives? Should women be representatives? How necessary for success is a paid secretary? Does the fact that a secretary is a minister instead of a layman give special advantage to his work?

Again the correspondence comes in waves, due, for example, to an inquiry about Union Churches given in a Middle West farmer's journal.

Another field of inquiry is the value of a community study or a religious social survey. What should be the aim of the study? Is expert direction required? How should local talent be trained? How are the results to be interpreted? How are they to be followed up so as to make them effective in the community life?

Then again federations ask for a diagnosis of the causes of their failure.

The Chairman has supplemented in many instances the letters written by the Clerk with careful statements of the principles involved in contemplated combinations of Christian workers. In February, 1914, he accompanied a team of Home Missions workers, representing the Congregationalist, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Baptist Home Mission Boards, in a tour of six Western states, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Oregon, Utah, and Colorado, speaking specifically upon Federation and its principles and methods. The Chairman has represented the Commission and the Federal Council at a meeting of New England Federations in Boston, Mass., and a conference on Community Planning at Amherst, Mass., held under the auspices of the Massachusetts Agricultural College. The Chairman and the Clerk together have prepared and published "A Directory of State and Local Federations in the United States," and the Chairman, a pamphlet entitled, "Suggestions for State and Local Federations."

Other members of the Commission in their several communities have been active in promoting the co-operation of denominations and churches. It will not be invidious to men-

tion the following: Rev. E. Tallmadge Root, Secretary of the Massachusetts Federation of Churches, who has given particular attention both to the consolidation of religious forces in towns and villages and the organization of local federations for co-operation; Revs. E. R. Wright, Cleveland, Ohio; Clair E. Ames, St. Louis, Missouri; Walter Laidlaw, New York City; and Edward C. Fellowes, Buffalo, New York, who have administered with marked efficiency great city federations with their multitudinous and perplexing urban problems; and Prof. William North Rice, Middletown, Conn., who has conspicuously promoted Interdenominational Comity in the state of Connecticut.

The Progress of Federation.

The year has disclosed marked advance in the understanding of the principles of federation, although much still remains to be done in this respect. It is not easy for the majority of people to realize that our Commission represents a very different movement from that of the combination of individual Christians. Co-operation and concert of action of a limited kind have been common among Christians from the beginning of the Christian era. In the last two centuries have resulted organizations inclusive of individuals representing great varieties of convictions and ecclesiastical connections. It is difficult now for many people to realize that federation means not a combination of individuals but a combination of organizations. It is difficult also for many fully to appreciate the fact that a federation, itself an organization, is not primarily to compete with other organizations, to supplant some and encourage others, or even to stand on a co-ordinate footing with other organizations,—that indeed a federation is a kind of clearing-house of organizations already existing, to remove friction and competition, and simply facilitate the fuller, freer exercise of the functions of the bodies federated. The definition of the federative principles must continue by iteration and re-iteration, by statement and by description, by pointing out defect, and by extolling efficiency.

It is not possible at the present moment to state definitely the number of State and Local Federations in existence. The latest data discloses the existence of 155—22 State Federations; 120 City Federations; and 13 County Federations. During the year the number has increased. At least five states have federations in process of formation; and the number of communities which have entered upon some form of Community Church mounts up into several hundreds. The movement to-day which is conspicuous in America ecclesiastical life

is the movement toward the union of small churches in rural and village communities, for the uplift of community thought and welfare.

Concrete Instances of Federation.

Federations fall somewhat distinctly into four groups. There are State Federations, City Federations including large towns and villages, County Federations (in many instances centralized about some important city, the influence of whose churches reaches throughout the county), and the combination of Christians in the Country Church. It is fitting that some brief comments be made upon reports which have come to hand of conditions within these four groups.

First as to State Federations: The Connecticut Federation of Churches, which was organized in 1908, and has hitherto been active chiefly in a social sphere, enabling nine denominations to exert a common influence upon questions of public health, aid to immigrants, the observance of the Sabbath, the prevention of vice, and temperance legislation, has this year, through a committee on Interdenominational Comity, brought its membership into intimate ecclesiastical relations in a plan designed to prevent friction between churches of different denominations in small communities and to combine weak churches, if not in fewer organizations, at least in common co-operative movements.

The Massachusetts Federation of Churches, the most efficient of all Federations, authorizes this year a budget of \$4,000, and has voted to become incorporated, in order that it may receive bequests. Its fourteen denominations are in hearty fellowship, promoting exchanges of fields between them, and the formation of federated churches. The Federated churches of Massachusetts are reported as thirteen (13); denominational churches, formed by consolidation, as four (4); and Interdenominational Circuits as more than fourteen (14). It seeks to organize the churches of every town and city for co-operation and already has 45 such federations.

The Colorado Home Missions Council, not properly a State Federation but a conference of state, denominational agents, reports six meetings during the year, the advancement of interdenominational co-operation for state-wide prohibition, for evangelistic effort in country fields the coming fall and winter, and for giving special attention to the problems of the city and the cultivation of a community point of view among the churches of cities in the state.

Second as to City Federations: It is noteworthy that during the year past city federations have conducted Go-to-Church Campaigns, publicity and advertising campaigns, special evan-

gelistic movements, and in several instances successful efforts for bringing the churches into sympathetic relations with the industrial classes. Special surveys have been made, as a result of which maps showing moral and religious conditions of the city have been prepared. Reports of conspicuous achievements during the year come from cities as widely separated as Sacramento, California; Dallas, Texas; Kansas City, Missouri; St. Louis, Missouri; Indianapolis, Indiana; Cleveland, Ohio; Hartford, Conn., and Portland, Maine.

Of Town or Village Federations, Massachusetts has more federations than any other state so far as reported. During the year a special all-day session was held in Hopedale, conferring upon subjects relating to the Union Church. In Berlin Massachusetts, union evening services have been conducted by the Federation; work for boys has been instituted; and an Old Home Day was promoted. As far away as Clermont, Florida, the movement is felt for the consolidation of small churches within a village or town community. Throughout the country indeed, East and West, this is the practical step next to be taken by people interested in the principles which we represent. Conferences under denominational auspices and in interdenominational gatherings are frequent upon these themes,—How shall competition yield to co-operation? How may essential Christianity express itself in common forms? How may weak and scattered denominational fragments be marshalled as combined and effective forces? How may sectarianism graciously yield to Christian Comity? How may the benefits of denominational organizations for Home and Foreign Missions be secured for interdenominational movements within a small community.

Third,—County Federations are not as numerous as are other forms. The Inter-Church Federation of Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, has published during the year, at first in eight different denominational papers, and then as separate pamphlets, three reports of its activities; two relating to its efforts in a No-License-Campaign; and the third dealing with its work in reform, social service, and the promotion of church attendance, evangelism and church unity. The Inter-Church Federation of Washington County, Pennsylvania, speaks of preventing over-lapping of effort during the past year, in establishing missions in new mining communities, and of union effort in employing missionaries. Much has been done also by this federation in the promotion of temperance sentiment and in co-operation with the Anti-Saloon League.

Fourth,—the interests of residents in the country, culminating in the cultivation of religious and spiritual life, are re-

ceiving attention to-day from a large class of scientific experts, authorized and appointed not by religious bodies alone, but by the governments of state and nation as well. The ideas which hitherto have been more or less theoretical and forensic are taking shape in practical form and are being applied to real life in its smallest communities and hamlets. Wise men are enunciating not the obligations and the possibilities alone of the Christian church, but the very methods by which the church and her ministers may serve rural life. There is a danger lest we who deal with federation in its larger forms fail to relate our efforts constructively to the problems and the conditions of small communities, sparse populations, and isolated individuals. In this field the Commission on Social Service, through its Committee on Country Life, has rendered significant service. We heartily endorse the suggestion that this Committee be made a separate and distinct Commission, and will cheerfully turn over to this Commission, when created, the entire field of the Community Church in the rural district.

Desirable Agencies.

A year ago our Commission called attention to the need of some publication which might be the organ of State and Local Federations. Appeals for such a periodical continue to come from many parts of the field. While no federation can hope to serve successfully its own community through the mere imitation of the activities of another federation, yet acquaintance with concrete achievements proves the finest incentive and stimulus to minds of the right order for original and constructive planning. A paper which should chronicle the deeds of other federations would be like the sower of good seed in the good soil of now expectant and receptive minds for the upspringing of an indigenous and native growth, fitted to its own commodity, and sturdy with appropriate vitality.

I. We recommend for the dissemination and the propagation of the ideas and ideals of federations that the Administrative Committee give consideration, favorable if possible, to the publication of a Bulletin devoted to the interests of State and Local Federations. We propose the employment of other channels of publicity, such as the secular and denominational press, and the creation from time to time of a new literature in the form of circulars, pamphlets and possibly books, describing Federation,—State and Local, what it has accomplished and what it may become.

In the meantime we should aid in the distribution of the reports, circulars, tracts, and pamphlets which are put out by the Federations of various kinds in the different parts of the

country. We should all be generous in sending these freely so far as we ourselves issue them, to others interested in our line of work, using the addresses which may be found in The Directory of State and Local Federation.

II. We approve the holding of conferences upon the subject of federation and unity of effort, in the different sections of the country, as convenience may permit, and in connection with denominational gatherings.

III. It is desirable that there be in the field at least one wise and tactful counselor who, in behalf of the Commission on State and Local Federations, closely allied with the executive office of the Federal Council, should direct in the formation of federations in various parts of the country. During the past year correspondence has rendered no little service to workers in all parts of our country; but correspondence can never equal the personal visits of a living representative and exponent of federative ideals. It is gratifying to know that the appointment of a field agent for this and for some other services in connection with the Federal Council has been recommended by the Secretary of the Federal Council. This recommendation we heartily endorse.

IV. We recommend that interdenominational movements, for missions, church efficiency, social service and kindred objects, arrange their meetings and programs through city and local federations in all communities where these exist and can be employed.

In conclusion we would voice for us all the conviction, more and more coming to realization, that the principles of comity, of co-operation, and of federation are the principles of the Master himself, who, neither by harsh coercion nor by unbending dogmatism, judged men or addressed men; but by persuasion and by comprehensive inclusiveness, gently dealt with all of whatsoever class, condition, mental and spiritual attainment and receptivity, and inaugurated His Kingdom for Judean, Samaritan, and dwellers of the uttermost parts,—a Kingdom of Divine fellowship and human brotherhood.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED W. ANTHONY,

Chairman of the Commission on State and Local Federations.
Richmond, Virginia, Dec. 10, 1914.

Report of the Home Missions Council

To the Executive Committee of the Federal Council:

In accordance with the action jointly of the Home Missions Council and the Federal Council, the Home Missions Council makes the following report to the Executive Committee of the Federal Council:

As the Federal Council is aware, the Home Missions Council has co-operated during the past year in the support of the Washington office for representation of Protestant interests.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee the question of our future relation to that office was considered, and on that matter we desire conference with the Executive Committee or Administrative Committee at this session of the Executive Committee.

One of the important committees of the Home Missions Council is that on comity and co-operation. Its report is too long to be even fully summarized, but it covered the following points:

1. As to occupancy of new fields it was agreed that before such occupancy there should be fraternal conference with the denominations already at work in such fields. In case of failure to agree on the field the matter might be taken to headquarters of the bodies concerned.

2. In communities already occupied by two or more denominations the same course should be followed.

3. In case of over-churched communities the Council suggests conference in the same spirit as in sections 1 and 2.

4. The Council recommends the formation of an interdenominational commission, to which any matter not otherwise provided for may be referred by mutual agreement.

Of course all of these procedures have no ecclesiastical force, but it is believed they will have a commanding moral force.

This plan of co-operation was submitted to the various Mission Boards and Societies and found general acceptance. If its principles be fairly applied we may hope for a long forward step in comity and co-operation.

On report of the Committee on the Panama Exposition it was agreed that the Home Missions Council would unite with the Federal Council in a missionary exhibit and would ask the various Boards for such sums as might be deemed necessary for its support. The Council also agrees that the Missionary Education Movement is the proper interdenominational agency for bringing the exhibit to success.

The Home Missions Council also agreed to unite with the Foreign Missions Conference and other agencies in the United Missionary Campaign extending from September, 1914, to May, 1916.

One of the chief things in a co-operative way attempted by the Home Missions Council is the neglected fields survey. State survey committees were organized in fifteen western states, which committees were charged with the duty of thorough investigation of religious conditions. Meetings were held in a central point in each of these states, at which representatives of the Council were present and where findings were presented in full. Bulletins have been issued giving these findings. Others are likely to follow. They give facts of often startling interest. The study of them would be of vast value not only to the states concerned but to mission workers everywhere who would consider their significance. A copy of each of these bulletins is herewith presented to the Federal Council.

An endeavor to advance the interests of the immigrants was made in the adoption of the report of the Committee on Immigration,—to the effect that jointly with the Council of Women for Home Missions the Home Missions Council would support a representative who should visit ports of entry, inform himself of all the conditions the Council should know and make such report as would enable the Council to remedy defects and push the missionary work among immigrants.

Unfortunately the Rev. Joseph H. Selden, who entered upon this work last spring with high hopes, was soon laid aside by illness, and to this time no successor has been found.

A further step in the interest of immigrant work was the purpose of co-operation of the Home Missions Council with the American Sunday school Union in the preparation and publication of suitable literature for foreigners and immigrants.

One of the best known and most fruitful fields of home mission co-operation is in Porto Rico. When Protestant work began on the occupation of the Island by the United States, the Island was divided geographically among the four denominations contemplating beginning work there.

That division has been maintained. But in addition there is a local federation of evangelical churches. Two of the denominations unite in the support of a Bible Training School, and three unite in an evangelical publication.

The Council took deep interest in co-operation in country church work. In view of the fact that the Federal Council has appointed a Country Church Commission it was not

deemed necessary for the Home Missions Council to appoint such commission. But it was recommended that a commission be formed for the district between the Missouri River and the Rocky Mountains which shall advise on problems of federation, church extension and the elimination of unnecessary congregations in rural communities in that section.

On behalf of missionary interests centering in Washington the Council not only unites with the Federal Council in the maintenance of the Washington office, but it also has a representative in the person of the Honorable H. B. F. Macfarland to give special attention to legislation affecting the Indians.

The Home Missions Council rejoices in the close and practical bonds which bind it to the Federal Council. It will welcome at any time suggestions from the Federal Council as to subjects within the scope of its functions.

CHARLES L. THOMPSON, *Chairman.*

Reports of Special Committees

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED ON THE RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES DURING THE PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION.

To the Executive Committee of the Federal Council.

Object.

The object of this work is—by an adequate Religious Exhibit, by Noon-day Addresses, by Conferences on the Bible and Missions, Sunday School, Young People's and Laymen's Movements, Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. Work, by Social Service and Peace Congresses, and by aggressive Evangelism, daily and nightly, out in the city proper—by all this, to show the visiting multitudes what Evangelical Christianity is doing for human uplift and betterment.

Opportunity.

The opportunity is exceptional. Forty Foreign Nations have accepted the invitation of our Government to participate in the Exposition. Not one has withdrawn. Nearly all of them have their buildings up or well under way. Conservative estimate puts the probable attendance at fifteen millions. Doubtless it will be more. The time of the Exposition is about Ten months. It opens February 20th, and closes December 4, 1915. Is it likely that the Church again will be given another such opportunity as this within a generation to come?

Organization.

More than a year ago, a Committee of One Hundred, widely scattered over the land, was appointed by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. Out of this Committee an Executive Committee was chosen, with Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes, of the Methodist Episcopal Church as Chairman. In May last this Executive Committee elected Rev. H. H. Bell, after a pastorate of fifteen years in San

Francisco, Executive Secretary, and established Headquarters at 3 City Hall Avenue, San Francisco. It also elected J. E. White, Esq., as Recording Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. White's office is 729 Monadnock Building, San Francisco. More than twenty-five sub-committees are well arranged for and several of them for months have been actively at work.

Program.

The Program of the Executive Committee is large, sane, comprehensive, and in every way worthy of the occasion and of the Evangelical Churches of America. It groups into two main sections. First, that of Exhibits, Conferences and Congresses. Second, that of definite, aggressive Evangelism.

The Exhibits will be installed, in part, in the ten thousand square feet of space generously given us by the Exposition management and free of cost to us, located in the Palace of Education and Social Economy. The location is exceptionally fine! The balance of our exhibits will find place in the special building we hope to build within the Exposition Grounds on a charming site also given us free of cost by the management.

This building of our own should have an auditorium capable of seating twelve hundred persons. Its platform daily should be occupied by some man or woman eminent in Christian leadership who will deliver a strong, compelling address on some subject related to and illustrative of the great activities of Evangelical Christianity. Here too, some of the Conferences and Congresses will occur and each will be on a world-challenging scale.

The Second main feature of the Program is that of definite and aggressive Evangelism. This will center in a large Tabernacle to be erected near the new Civic Center of San Francisco. To secure safety and meet the rigid fire ordinance this Tabernacle may have to be constructed of steel, in umbrella form. The meetings will be under the leadership of our foremost Evangelists, each of whom will be given two or three or more weeks as he may elect and who will conduct these meetings as is his custom in his own regular evangelistic work.

Thus in all this work we should daily reach from fifteen to twenty thousand persons and more. Who can forecast the results of this mighty undertaking?

Problem.

The problem is that of Finances. Had we in hand the money as estimated in the Budget of \$200,000, we could do the work! With even half that assured now, what we might do! Before that appalling European War began, we felt we

had in definite pledges and assured prospects, from individuals and cities willing to co-operate, about \$120,000 of the necessary \$200,000 in sight. This too, notwithstanding the fact of the lateness in beginning and the handicap of the money stringency and business conditions! Since the European War began that amount has been reduced at least one-half, with the peril of further reduction; for many who promised cannot pay and cities that agreed to hold money-raising campaigns find themselves so financially embarrassed as to refuse now to permit of a canvass! Too well is it known that the war situation has crippled all kinds of Religious Work financially, and ours being in the class of "new" work suffers in special way! Many who subscribed cannot pay. Many from whom we confidently hoped to obtain help find themselves, both by reason of mental attitude and because of financial inability, utterly unable to help us, even though their vision of the need of the work and their sympathy for us is all that can be desired.

Prospect.

What of the prospect? Who can answer? The opportunity and challenge and absolute need of this work remain. The war even intensifies all this! Hence, this Work should be done—somehow it *must* be done! Evil must be counteracted! The Missionary opportunity must be improved. Amidst that worthy display of the Material at *climax*, the Spiritual must be lifted into rightful and worthy supremacy. The Social Service and Universal Peace-Congress opportunities we dare not let pass without improving them to the full! And what of this exceptional, this extraordinary opportunity for Evangelistic Work? To let it pass unimproved will be the lasting shame of Evangelical Christianity.

The Committee of One Hundred will do its best to meet the situation with all its unforeseen difficulties.

H. H. BELL, *Executive Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE AMERICAN CHURCH COMMITTEE ON PEACE CENTENARY, 1914-15.

To the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

This body was organized, at the request of the American Peace Centenary Committee, by authority of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, under the auspices of the Commission on Peace and Arbitration. Its purpose is to promote the celebration among the Churches of one hundred years of peace between the two great divisions of English-speaking people. Its list of members is given in the Report to the Executive Committee of 1913.

For the oversight of the work, a Committee of Direction was constituted at a meeting held in New York in the fore part of the present year, consisting of the following persons:

Committee of Direction.

Rev. Henry K. Carroll, Chairman.

Rev. Frederick Lynch, Secretary.

Rev. Frank M. Crouch.

Rev. Rivington D. Lord.

Rev. Walter Laidlaw.

Rev. Charles S. Macfarland.

Rev. Albert G. Lawson.

Rev. J. B. Remensnyder.

Rt. Rev. Morris W. Leibert.

Rt. Rev. R. L. Rudolph.

Bishop Luther B. Wilson.

This Committee decided that the most favorable date for the proposed celebration in the churches was Sunday, February 14, 1915, which is the Sunday nearest the date of ratification of the Ghent Treaty of Peace on February 17, 1815. The American Peace Centenary Committee advised that the date of the conclusion of the Treaty, the day before Christmas, be not selected because the Christmas festival should, in its judgment, be kept free for the usual exercises, and the representative of the Canadian Peace Association, who sat with the Committee of Direction, agreed that the later date was the better one.

The Committee further decided in favor of a celebration in church, Sunday school and young people's meeting, special programs to be prepared for the last two.

In view of the outbreak of the war in Europe and of the postponement of preparations for the general celebration of the anniversary by the American Peace Centenary Committees, a meeting of the Committee of Direction was called in New York in September to consider whether the Church cele-

bration should be for the present postponed. After a careful consideration of the situation and of the sensitive feelings of American citizens separated in their sympathies between the European combatants, it was unanimously agreed to proceed with preparations for a peace celebration at the time designated, emphasizing particularly the lessons to be drawn from the fact of a hundred years of unbroken peace with our intimate Canadian neighbors.

Prof. Norman E. Richardson, of Boston, by request, prepared a program for Sunday schools, which was heartily approved by the Committee. It was submitted to the Executive Committee of the Sunday School Council of Evangelical Denominations and was by it recommended for adoption and use.

Approval of Church Bodies.

The general plan of the celebration was personally presented to nearly all the general Church Conferences during the year by Rev. Charles S. Macfarland and Rev. H. K. Carroll, and it was unhesitatingly and cordially approved. Secretary Macfarland visited the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Oklahoma City, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., at Chicago, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S., at Kansas City, the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, at Lancaster, Pa., the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, at Asbury Park, the Northern Baptist Convention, at Boston, the General Convention of the Christian Church, at Springfield, Ohio, and these bodies, as well as the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, recommended that Sunday, February 14, 1915, be observed as Centenary Peace day in their respective churches, Sunday schools and young people's meetings.

The Chairman of the Committee visited the National Baptist Convention at Philadelphia, on the same errand, the General Conference of the United Evangelical Church, at Barrington, Ill., and the General Convention of the Disciples of Christ, at Atlanta, Ga., and these bodies pledged their support to the movement and recommended the observance of the day. The Board of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church also recommended observance of the day. All the Evangelical Churches are included in the Committee's scope of work, and under the auspices of the Church Peace Union, all other denominations are being reached as far as possible. The Church Peace Union, through its Secretary, Dr. Frederick Lynch, who is also the Secretary of this Committee, is giving most valuable assistance.

The plans of the American Peace Centenary Committee, in which Mr. John A. Stewart has been actively concerned, for the general celebration of the centenary were hindered by the refusal of Congress to provide for the participation of the Federal Government, and later on by the European war, on account of which they have been suspended, to be merged into a general celebration of the end of the European war, if that should come soon.

Other Features of the Celebration.

The celebration is also being promoted by an effort to secure the co-operation of the various young people's societies, the Christian Endeavor, the Epworth League, etc., in the adoption of a common program for use in young people's meetings on February 14th, or on the date nearest thereto.

A circular letter is to be sent to ministers at an early date asking them to preach a sermon on the day of celebration, setting forth the blessings of peace, and pointing, as an illustration of the possibilities of maintaining, without force, amicable international relations, to the long boundary line between the United States and Canada which, though unprotected for a hundred years by fort or frigate, by arms or armament, by soldiers or sailors, has never witnessed an organized armed invasion of the territory on either side. The Committee expects to enclose with the circular a historical pamphlet giving a swift view of the chief events of the hundred years of peace, showing how various controversies were brought to a successful conclusion without resort to arms.

The co-operation of the religious and daily press is to be sought in bringing the various features of the celebration to the attention of the ministers, churches, Sunday schools and young people's societies. Articles will be prepared for publication setting forth the plans, purposes and importance of the celebration, with suggestions for making it successful and influential.

The Churches generally appear to welcome this centenary as an opportunity to strengthen the sentiment for peace in the mind of the present generation and to plant it deeply in the heart of the coming generation.

Respectfully submitted,

H. K. CARROLL, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF DELEGATES REPRESENTING THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA AT THE CHURCH PEACE CONFERENCE

at Constance, Germany, and London, England, August
2-5, 1914.

*To the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America
and its Commission on Peace and Arbitration:*

Pursuant to instructions from the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, through its Administrative Committee, your delegates submit the following report:

Meetings at Constance.

Of the delegates elected, the following succeeded in reaching Constance:

Rev. Anson P. Atterbury.	Chancellor Henry M. Mac-
Rev. David Baines-Griffiths.	Cracken.
Rev. W. C. Bitting.	Rev. William Pierson Merrill.
Rev. Jonathan C. Day.	Rev. Philip S. Moxom.
Pres. Samuel Dickie.	George W. Nasmyth.
Canon George William Doug-	Bishop J. L. Nuelsen.
las.	Rev. T. T. Richards.
Robert H. Gardiner.	Rev. Claudius B. Spencer.
Prof. Thomas C. Hall.	Rev. Charles L. Thompson.
Bishop E. R. Hendrix.	Pres. Ezra Squier Tipple.
Rt. Rev. M. W. Leibert.	Rev. James L. Tryon.
Rev. Frederick Lynch.	Rev. George U. Wenner.
D. Willard Lyon.	Bishop Luther B. Wilson.
	Rev. Cornelius Woelfkin.

The following delegates were believed to be in Europe, but did not succeed in reaching Constance:

Rev. Ernest Hamlin Abbott.	Rev. Nehemiah Boynton.
Rev. Peter Ainslie.	Rev. Howard A. Bridgman.
Bishop William F. Anderson.	Rev. William Adams Brown.
Rev. Samuel Z. Batten.	President John H. Finley.
Rev. James I. Good.	Rev. Walter Laidlaw.
Bishop John W. Hamilton.	Rev. Rivington D. Lord.
Rev. George E. Horr.	Rev. Henry C. Minton.
James R. Joy.	Judge Henry Wade Rogers.
Prof. Graham Taylor.	Rev. James I. Vance.
Rt. Rev. James R. Winchester.	

Rev. Ernest Hamlin Abbott and Rev. William Adams Brown attended the adjourned conference in London.

The Conference met at Constance, Sunday, August 2, and the exercises at the morning session included addresses by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, Rev. Frederick Lynch, Bishop J. L. Nuelsen, and Rev. George U. Wenner, of our delegation. At the evening session, Rev. William P. Merrill presided, and one of the addresses was made by Rev. Sidney L. Gulick.

Memorials were sent to the rulers of Europe and to the President of the United States, and resolutions were adopted providing for the future work of the Conference.

An address, printed in English and German, was presented by Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, setting forth the work of the Evangelical Churches in America, under the title, "The Churches of Christ in America and International Peace," (*Die Christlichen Kirchen in Amerika und Internationaler Frieden*).

Meeting at London.

The Conference adjourned Sunday evening and continued at London, Wednesday, August 5th, following which the American delegates met and adopted a Report and Declaration to be submitted to the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

A full report of the Conference and other publications will be prepared by the Church Peace Union, and these, together with the address by Dr. Macfarland which is issued in pamphlet form, will give a full account of the Conference. We refer you to these documents. The personal account by Dr. Lynch, in printed form, contains Dr. Gulick's address and an analysis of the war situation by Dr. Macfarland as sections of the appendix to the volume.

Action of Federal Council Delegations.

The Federal Council delegation held two meetings, at the first of which Bishop Hendrix was elected Chairman and Dr. Macfarland, Secretary of the delegation. A general meeting of all American delegates was also held at which Dr. Gulick gave an address.

A Committee, consisting of Bishop E. R. Hendrix, Rev. William P. Merrill, Bishop Luther B. Wilson, Canon George William Douglas, Rev. Frederick Lynch, and Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, was appointed to prepare a suitable statement to the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and this statement, which was also approved by the other American delegates who were not included in the Federal Council delegation, was as follows:

Report of Committee.

"In behalf of the delegates from the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the undersigned were appointed as a Special Committee to prepare and publish to our brethren at home a Declaration and Summary concerning the recent momentous Conference of the Church Peace Union, which Conference begun at Constance, on Sunday, August 2, was continued in London on Wednesday, August 5. In so doing we are following the example of the English delegates to the Conference, whose terse and weighty utterance to the brethren in England was published in the *London Times*, *Daily Chronicle*, and other newspapers on August 5th.

"In making this report we are authorized to speak substantially for the entire body of American Delegates to the Church Peace Conference.

"It is significant that this first International Conference of the Churches for the promotion of friendship and peace between the nations of the world occurred at a moment when we were all obliged to witness an amazing development of the war fever, and the widespread misery caused on all sides by the mere preparations for battle; and we have had an unique opportunity to witness the sincere and profound reluctance with which the sober and serious element in every nation concerned has found itself involved in the imminent cataclysm. Whatever the immediate outcome may be, we are more than ever confident and convinced that this sober and serious element of every Christian nation is now, as always, moving under the guidance and blessing of Almighty God, Our Father. Our dismay is not despair. No note of pessimism has been heard at any of the four Sessions of our Conference; there is a general consciousness that now more than ever, we are called to co-operate in the spirit of Jesus Christ, so that no self-will or bitterness or impatience on our part shall cloud our vision, or hinder us from seizing the opportunity which God is giving us to do His will in the world—waiting upon the Lord. This war, so far from indicating the futility of our plans and endeavors, or the foolishness of Christian idealism, is demonstrating that the methods of brute force, and of inconsiderate egotism, are as unintelligent and inefficient as they are unchristian. We are witnessing the *reductio ad absurdum* of unchristian civilization; for peace is not to be secured by preparations for war (even if unchristian men compel their brothers in self-defense, and for the sake of sacred treaties, to make ready for war). Not that it is in the interests of peace to belittle the spirit of patriotism, but to Christianize it. Like our laws and our culture, our education and commerce and industrialism, so too our very patriotism must be pervaded by the mind of Christ and ready for the discipline of the Cross—the sign and symbol, not merely of brotherly love, but of international love, over against the shortsightedness and selfishness of individuals and peoples. As we disperse to our homes and fatherland that is the message we are bringing from this Conference; and it is first and foremost a call to international humiliation and prayer in the name and confidence of Christ. The time for men to prevent war is not when events are culminating, but far, far back at the springs of human conduct, individuals, national and international. Let us see to it that henceforth 'All our fresh springs are in God.'

"This is not the moment to dwell on the practical steps which may be taken by us all in common to promote peace among the nations. Some such steps will appear in the four Resolutions which are to be published in due time by the International Committee of our Conference. Others will be afterwards disclosed. Meanwhile, we desire to emphasize the fact that has been borne in on us by contact with the workers for the Peace Movement in England and Europe generally: that more problems than we Americans were aware of are on the shoulders of those who, under God, are now leading the Churches of Europe; and we are grateful to our Heavenly Father for the skill and wisdom and self-control, which, in this trying ordeal, have been vouchsafed to them. For five years previous to the formation of our Church Peace Union, these our brethren on this side of the Atlantic, have been paving the way for what is now our common task, and it is their actual knowledge of men and means in the different nations of Europe which made it possible for our first International Church Conference for the Promotion of Peace to be so widely and thoroughly representative. We in America have much to contribute henceforth to the common cause, and by our freedom from entangling alliances, and from some traditions which in Europe are an inheritance, we may, if we are properly considerate, be able to do and say some things which Europeans cannot; but after our present privilege of communion with the delegates over here, we know and feel that there is a vast deal for them to do which would be beyond our power. Therefore, the determination of our Conference to rely on the International Committee for guidance, and for ultimate decisions from time to time—the resolution to 'move all together when we move at all'—is a determination which we are sure will commend itself to our brethren in the United States. In the very midst of this internecine conflict of the leading nations of Europe, there will be henceforth from each of them well-chosen and skilful delegates to our International Council, ready and able to contribute of their special experience and prayers to our common endeavors for the Peace of the world and the Christianization of all mankind.

"Submitted to the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and its Commission on Peace and Arbitration by instruction of the Federal Council delegates."

E. R. HENDRIX, *Chairman.*
 GEORGE WILLIAM DOUGLAS,
 WILLIAM P. MERRILL,
 FREDERICK LYNCH,
 LUTHER B. WILSON,
 CHARLES S. MACFARLAND, *Secretary.*

Committee appointed by the delegates representing the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

Our delegates recommend the heartiest participation by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America in the plans of the Church Peace Union and of the International Committee appointed by the Conference.

Other Meetings of Delegations.

Record should also be made of a meeting held by one group of our delegates who were unable to reach Constance, as follows:

On the S. S. Philadelphia, which sailed from New York, July 24th, were about a dozen delegates to the International Church Peace Conference to be held at Constance, August 2-7, 1914. These delegates soon found one another out and decided to hold an informal conference each day to discuss the questions submitted for consideration at the Constance Conference. A committee of three, consisting of Samuel Z. Batten, Graham Taylor, and James I. Vance, was appointed to submit a tentative program for the guidance of Peace Workers in America. On Thursday, July 30th, the Committee reported as follows:

"Your Committee appointed to consider a possible program of peace for the churches of America, submit the following:

"We confess our allegiance to the Prince of Peace and believe that all who bear His name should be peace-makers. We believe that the churches should set their faces resolutely against war and should seek in all ways to teach the duty of Arbitration and the necessity of disarmament.

"To this end we recommend:

"That an International Conference of the Churches should be held from time to time.

"That a yearly or biennial conference or council composed of representatives of all the churches and Peace Societies in America be held.

"That the pastors of our churches be requested to present the question of Arbitration, Disarmament and Peace to the people at such times as may be most convenient.

"That each religious body in America be requested to appoint a committee or commission on arbitration and peace.

"That a select and classified bibliography on Peace, Arbitration, and related subjects be prepared and placed in the hands of pastors and leaders.

"That an effort be made to introduce lessons on Peace in the Sunday School, in the Young People's Societies, in Church Brotherhoods, in Vacation Bible Schools, and in the Public Schools.

"That lists of subjects bearing upon Peace and Arbitration be prepared for Current Topic Clubs, Women's Clubs, Church Brotherhoods, Pastor's Conferences, and Church gatherings.

"That as a means of promoting peace and good-will we heartily recommend the interchange of pastors, teachers, students and lecturers.

"That a meeting of the American delegates be held to determine a Peace Program for the churches and to make permanent results of the Constance Conference.

"That we recommend the creation of an International Parliament in extension of the work of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Hague Court.

JOHN W. HAMILTON, *Chairman,*
SAMUEL Z. BATTEN, *Secretary.*"

The following action was also taken:

Paris, August 4, 1914.

"To the President of the United States of America:

"We, a group of American delegates to the International Church Peace Conference, in Constance, August 2-7, who were prevented from reaching Constance by the outbreak of war, were appointed as representatives of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, composed of thirty religious bodies, with 17,000,000 members, desire to place upon record our profound concern for the peace of the world.

"We feel confident that you, the head of a neutral nation, having friendly relations with all the peoples involved, will use every opportunity to exercise your good offices to secure the arbitration of the questions at issue and thereby if possible avert a disastrous international war.

"In the name of the Christian religion and humanity we appeal to you in this hour of world need.

JOHN W. HAMILTON,
PETER AINSLIE,
SAMUEL ZANE BATTEN,
GRAHAM TAYLOR,
JAMES I. VANCE."

Recommendations of the Executive Delegates.

After the adjournment of the Conference in London, your two executive delegates held further conference, and submit the following recommendations for consideration by appropriate committees of the Council:

As a result of our personal experience and observations of the passions aroused in the countries of Europe at the time of our recent visit, we herewith append certain definite suggestions and resolutions:

In spite of the modern development of civilization which had led us to think that the age of savage warfare had passed, at least for Europe, the frightful deeds that characterized the Balkan wars have shown how shallow is the veneer of civilization when enraged peoples fight.

The awful wanton carnage of that war, the inhuman treatment of women and children, and the incredible destruction of private property prove afresh in glaring colors the diabolical nature of war and its capacity to call forth man's most brutal passions. Even the Christian religion, in the forms held by the Balkan peoples at least, provided no restraints.

Many have thought that the horrors of the Balkan wars had so appalled the world that there was no danger of a general European conflict. Events have not justified the view. Even definite anticipations of the appalling disaster to modern civilization consequent on such a conflict have not prevented the great governments from plunging the whole world into incalculable ruin.

The war, moreover, has been entered upon under such circumstances of misunderstanding, jealousy, ambition, suspicion,

and desire for revenge, felt by the people of each nation involved, although in widely varying degree, that we have every reason to expect of the soldiery of each side utter disregard of the so-called rules of civilized warfare in the treatment of non-combatants, women and children. We may accordingly expect to see the Balkan tragedies enacted on a vaster and more awful scale.

Under these circumstances is there nothing for the Christians and the government of America to do? Can we in any way help avert the threatening calamities? Without regard to the question of responsibility for the general European conflict, and assuming the complete neutrality of the United States we, nevertheless, in no wise condone the spirit and the selfish national ambitions and the widespread official deception of the peoples of the nations that have precipitated the awful situation, and we urge that nothing should be done in America that could possibly aid in the prolongation of the war. We, moreover, feel it of the highest importance that everything in our power should be done to protect the innocent, limiting the evils, the passions, the murder and the sufferings.

In pursuance of these ends, we suggest the following resolutions:

1. That the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America hereby expresses to President Wilson its profound gratitude and appreciation of his action in offering the services of the United States in mediation between the European powers now at war and earnestly requests him to renew this offer on the first favorable occasion, either alone or jointly with other neutral nations signatory to the Hague Convention for the pacific settlement of international disputes.

2. That the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America cordially endorses the position taken by the Administration disapproving of loans by American capitalists for belligerent purposes and earnestly hopes that the position will be maintained since such loans would diminish our ability to assist neutral nations which, without their fault, suffer from the derangement of business, would not only help to prolong the war in Europe, but also impoverish and cripple our own innocent people by draining our land of its gold and causing the cost of living to advance to a war basis.

3. That the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, on behalf of the Protestant Churches of America, appeal to the Free Church Council of Great Britain, to the Protestant Churches of Scotland and Ireland, to the Established Church of England, to the Evangelical and Lutheran Churches of Germany, and to the Evangelical Churches of France, to issue appeals in their church services, and in their religious press urging all Christian families having kindred in the armies to write them personal letters, exhorting them, whatever may be the provocation of the enemy, to reduce in every possible way the horrors of war. That steps be taken to secure similar action on the part of the Roman Catholic Churches of the United States, appealing to the Pope, and also to the Roman Catholic Churches of England, Ireland, France, Germany and Austria to

take similar steps in this matter. That the Greek Churches of Russia, Greece and the Balkan States be also appealed to in the same way to the same end.

4. That the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America hereby endorses the general principle of the eighteen "Bryan Peace Treaties," recently ratified, and in view of the fresh evidence of the importance of providing adequate time for diplomatic investigation and conference, when international difficulties arise, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America hereby suggests to President Wilson and Secretary Bryan that they take steps at an early date to urge upon the governments of the world the need of a universal treaty providing:

(1) That some definite interval of time, to be mutually agreed upon, shall intervene between the declaration of war and the beginning of active hostilities.

(2) That in the interval a commission of the signatory powers shall make careful investigation and report their findings to the world.

(3) That the signatory powers agree to enforce the observance of the agreement upon the nation that transgresses the treaty, by immediate military intervention.

5. That the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America suggests to the President of the United States, in view of the attempts already made to induce this country to take sides in the present European conflict, that he appeal to the people of the United States as lovers of their country and of humanity, that neither as individuals nor as groups do they take any action to destroy the complete and absolute neutrality of the United States. We believe that he who would attempt to drag this country into the present war not only sins against patriotism, but would destroy all hope of speedy peace. Only as this nation remains strictly neutral can she offer mediation. If she becomes involved there is no impartial court left to which the nations may appeal.

6. That as this awful war must drive devout people to their knees, we venture to suggest that an early Sunday and the preceding Saturday be designated by the President of the United States as a day of united prayer in all places of public worship and in the homes of the people to ask the Supreme Ruler to intervene in such ways as His divine wisdom may approve so as to calm the hearts of those who are filled with passion for war, dispose their minds to listen to the counsels of humanity and accept overtures for peace, and bring speedily to their distracted and distressed peoples the blessings of peace.

By taking the actions here suggested the United States will in fact, create a new status in the relation of nation to nation, one that is the extreme opposite to "hostility" on the one hand, and more friendly than the negative position of "neutrality" on the other; a status of "reconciliation" that expresses active goodwill to the combatants and also the sincere purpose (too often obscured by the customary methods and hesitancy of political diplomacy), to find common ground for the establishment of justice and peace between them, as well as in its own relations to them.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) CHARLES S. MACFARLAND,

(Signed) SIDNEY L. GULICK,

Executive Delegates.

**REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON A
UNITED DECLARATION ON CHRISTIAN
FAITH AND SOCIAL SERVICE
TO THE PRESBYTERIAN
ASSEMBLIES.**

The Joint Committee appointed to prepare a United Declaration on Christian Faith and Social Service, by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States; the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America; the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., in session at Atlanta, Ga., May, 1913, and the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod, in session at Statesville, N. C., November, 1913, respectfully submits the following Report:

We were appointed in response to a proposal that our four Presbyterian Churches should prepare and publish a United Declaration of their common faith in the great truths of the Gospel in relation to what has come to be known as Social Service. We understand from the action taken by the respective bodies which appointed us that our Churches call for such a Declaration as will make clear to the world the true place of Social Service in Christian life and work.

Our United Declaration.

In preparing this United Declaration, we use the words: "Christian Faith" to designate the teachings of the Holy Scriptures, the essential doctrines of which are held in common by all Evangelical Churches and are embodied in the ecumenical creeds of Christendom.

"Church" to designate an organized body instituted by Christ and exercising her corporate functions through her courts and officers.

"Social Service" to designate the practice of the principles set forth in God's holy law which regulate the relations by which men are bound together in the social order, this practice being a part of those good works of which our Confession of Faith teaches that they are only such as God hath commanded in His Holy Word, and are done in obedience to God's command and are the fruits and evidence of a lively faith, and at best cannot merit pardon of sin or eternal life at the hand of God.

Accordingly, our Churches unite in saying:

I. We believe that man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever, and that the first duty of all men is

to seek God, to repent of sin, to accept the offer of salvation through Jesus Christ and to dedicate their lives unreservedly to His service.

II. We believe that, from the creation of man, God has ordained for us those social relationships which are to His glory and to the happiness and usefulness of mankind, and that in every age He has made known His will that he that loveth God must love his brother also.

III. We believe that the moral principles upon which all social relations are based were written in the heart of man, when he was made in the image of God, that these principles have been obscured by sin and are revealed anew in the Holy Scriptures. Inasmuch as all evils, social and individual, have their source in human sin and selfishness, they can be remedied only by the divinely appointed plan for salvation from sin and through the divinely given motive which is the love begotten in our hearts through God's great love for us in the gift of His Son.

IV. We believe that the Church, holding the Gospel of Jesus Christ, is not only the appointed means to salvation from eternal death, but that, with the state and the family, she has a distinctive work to do in bettering the social relations of men in this present world. The power given to the Church is spiritual, ministerial and declarative, and her function, through the Word and the Holy Spirit, is to inculcate and apply those principles and to quicken those motives which are essential to all true and lasting reform:

V. We believe that the social conditions of our day require emphasis upon the divine message for the following reasons:

1. The tremendous advance in our time of scientific discovery and invention and of commercial, industrial and civic enterprises by which men have been brought into closer relations of reciprocal dependence and service towards one another as individuals and towards society as an organized body.

2. The vast increase of wealth, its unequal and often unjust distribution, and the consequent increase of the power of the privileged few to exploit their fellow-men for private and selfish ends.

3. The development of great business corporations which discharge many of the functions once belonging to individuals, and as a result of this the weakening of the sense of individual responsibility for social wrongs.

4. The fostering or protection of vice as an instrument to private gain or to selfish ambition for place and power.

5. The submergence of large classes in ignorance and pov-

erty so that the difficulty of reaching them with the message of Christ is greatly increased.

These reasons require that the Church of Jesus Christ, which takes its stand as Christ did against the sins of social injustice and tyranny, as well as against other forms of sin, should emphasize:

1. The duty of man towards his fellow-men as individuals and towards society, with reference to the life that now is as well as to the life which is to come.
2. The duty of men to put into practice the Christian principles of love, justice and truth in all their social relations, economic, industrial or political; as officials or citizens of the state, as employers and employees, as capitalists and laborers, as stockholders or officers in corporations, and in all similar relationships.
3. The responsibility of men both for the manner in which they acquire positions, possessions and power in their social relations, and for the manner in which, as stewards of God, they use these, lest, in the great day of judgment, they be found unfaithful.
4. The responsibility of every individual not only for those social wrongs to which he may be a contributing cause, but for those which, by his prayers and efforts, he could assist in abolishing.
5. The duty of Christian citizens to observe those principles of our religion which require that every man do his full share of the world's work; which oppose injustice and tyranny, even when these are entrenched in the usages of our civilization; which lead men to endeavor to maintain themselves in a self-respecting, God-fearing way, this self-maintenance being understood to include a fair return for labor, sufficient to support the man and his family, conditions of labor that are safe and healthy, opportunity to provide against illness and old age, and relief from labor on one day in seven; which lead to movements to secure childhood against forced labor and woman against conditions degrading to womanhood.
6. The duty of every man to accept Jesus Christ and obey His teachings as the only cure for the injustice, tyranny and sins now looming so large upon the world's horizon.

VI. We believe that, inasmuch as many of these evils are rooted in the past and have grown with the development of civilization, they can be cured only by concerted and organized effort on the part of all good citizens. Our Churches, therefore, should always encourage voluntary organizations for the betterment of social conditions and urge their members to co-operate in them, leaving private judgment to decide what

means or methods or what organizations are best adapted to the promotion of these desirable ends.

Your Joint Committee would respectfully recommend to the General Assemblies and to the Synod which appointed it, that:

1. This Report be adopted:
2. This Report be printed by the Boards of Publication of our Churches, or by one of these Boards acting for the others, in the number of at least ten thousand copies, for distribution.
3. This Report be transmitted to the Supreme Judicatories of our sister Churches in the Federal Council for their consideration by the clerk of this Committee, Rev D. F. McGill, D.D., Ben Avon, Pa.
4. Our Churches cordially recognize and encourage the Federal Council as affording a common ground where all who love and serve our Lord Jesus Christ may meet for conference and co-operation in the vast and holy enterprise of Christian Social Service, and, to the end that these conferences may continue to be truly Christian and this co-operation really effective, the representatives of our Churches in the Executive Committee of the Federal Council, be directed to endeavor at all times to have the Federal Council distinctly recognize the great truths of the Christian Faith held in common by the Evangelical Churches and thus avoid and allay misunderstandings. Further, that these representatives be directed to report to the subsequent Assemblies and Synod the result of their endeavors.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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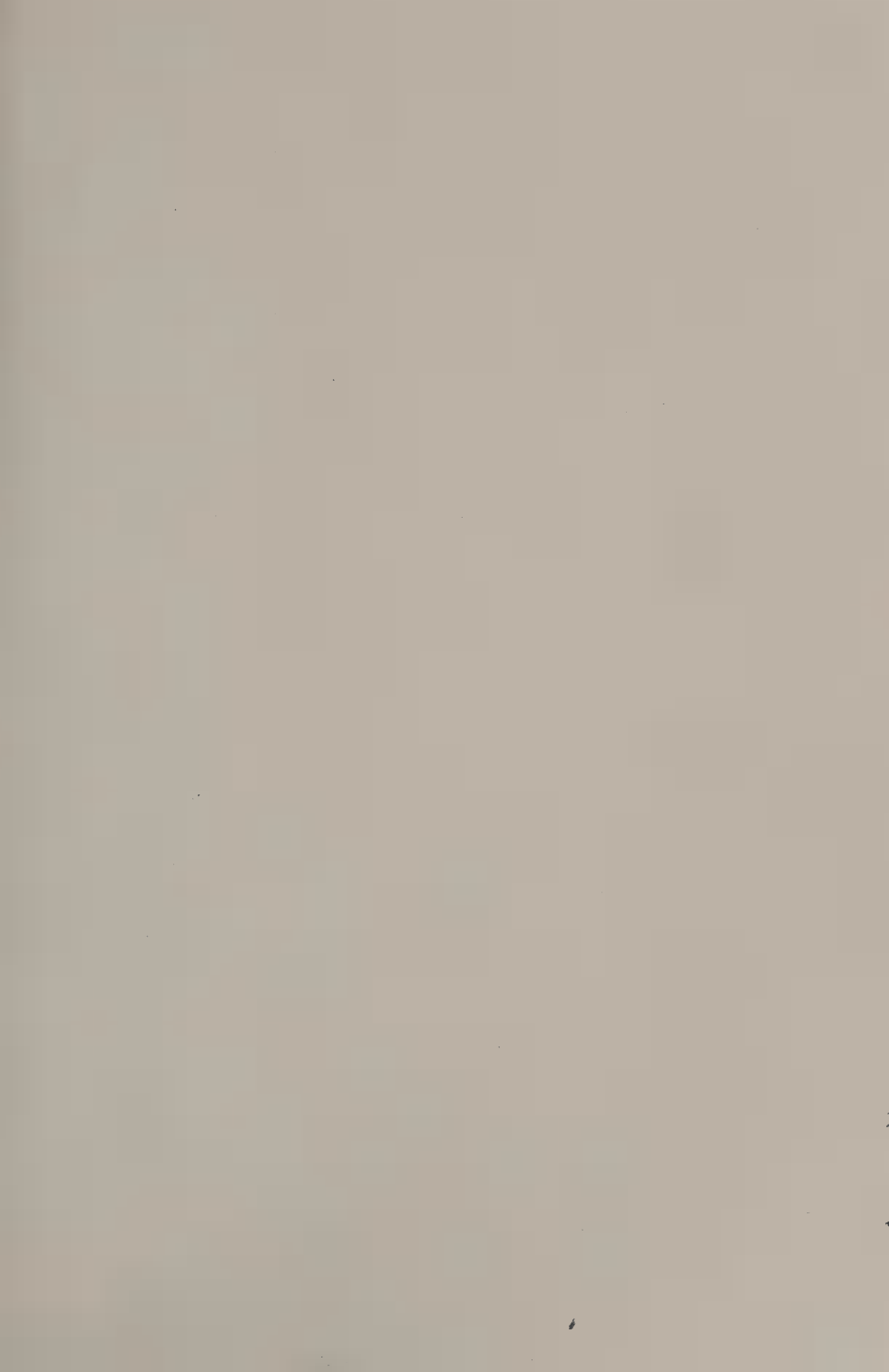
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